

## Lawyer files suit against Congressman's committee

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The former Republican candidate for Nodaway County prosecutor has filed a defamation lawsuit against members of Congressman Sam Graves' Congressional Committee. The lawsuit was filed in response to a negative campaign advertisement appearing two days before the Nov. 5 general election.

Barnard resident G. Spencer Miller, an attorney practicing in Maryville and Kansas City, Mo., filed the civil lawsuit on his own behalf in Nodaway County circuit court Tuesday morning.

The lawsuit pursued damages against five defendants who he said are responsible for the defaming advertisement which, according to Miller's claim, not only damaged his chances in the race against incumbent victor David Baird, but also his reputation as an attorney. While the decision has yet to be made, Miller said he will seek representation in the lawsuit.

Listed defendants in the lawsuit include Jacob DiPietre, press secretary for Graves, and his wife, Jackie DiPietre. Also listed are Matt Berry, who is believed to have purchased the ad, M. Francis Barry, whose name appears at the bottom of the ad, and the Republican Sixth District Congressional Committee, from whom a check was issued for a full-page ad the day it was purchased.

Appearing in the Nov. 3 edition of the *Maryville Daily Forum*, the advertisement accused Miller of having his law license suspended and wasting taxpayers' dollars, as well as being "a Nodaway County carpet bagger."

While credit for the advertisement was printed at the bottom of the page with the words "Paid for by M. Francis Barry," Miller believes the ad resulted from tension between Graves'

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## Northwest marks 15 years of E-Campus

By **PETE GUTSCHENRITTER**  
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Since 1987 Northwest has sold its image of being the Electronic Campus in hopes of drawing students to share in technology advances.

On the 15th anniversary, the campus is still making adjustments to the seemingly never-ending world of technology.

John Ashcroft, former Missouri governor and current attorney general, switched on the Electronic Campus at Northwest in 1987 and since then President Dean Hubbard has been trying to improve the campus.

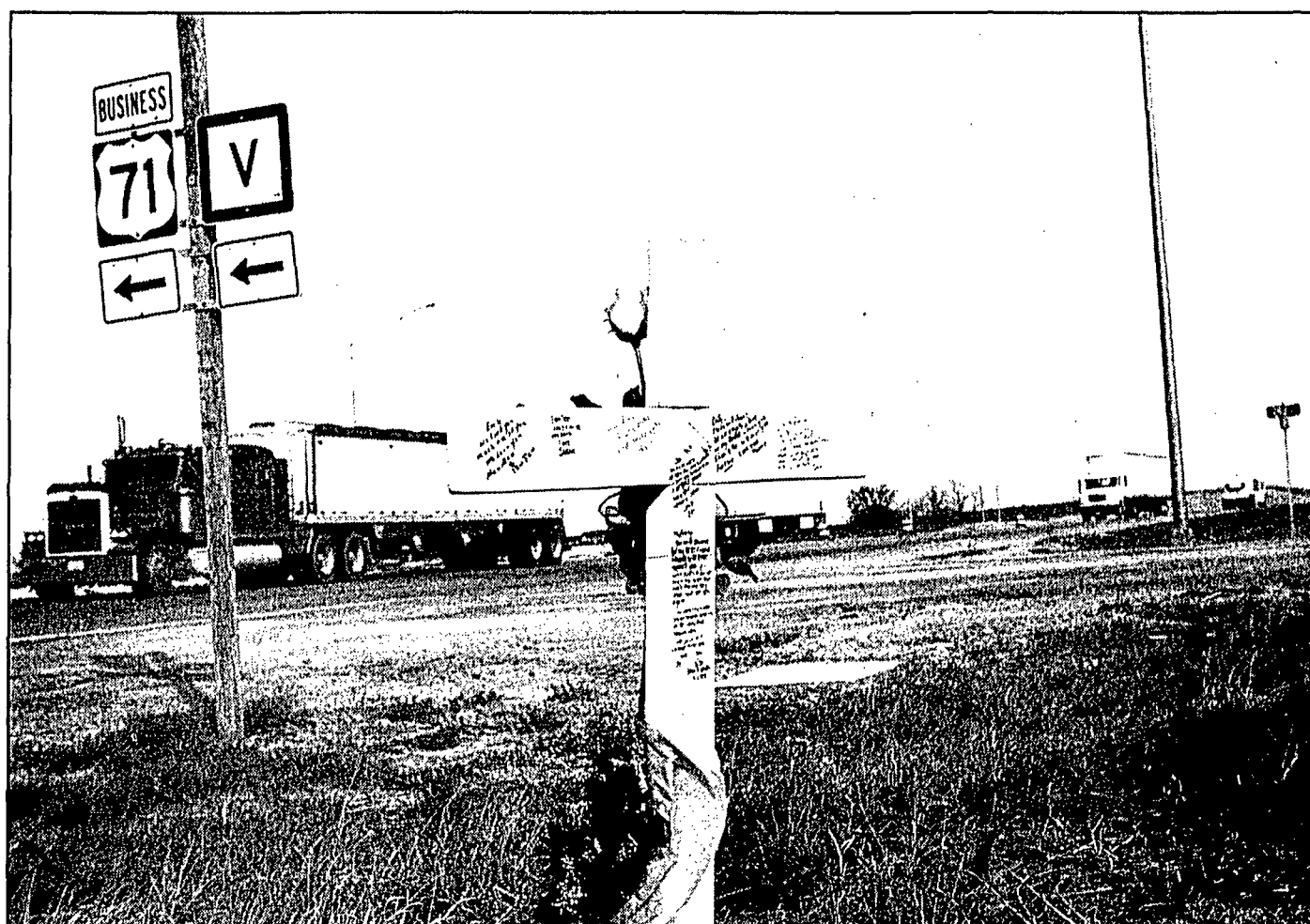
"It's clear that the Electronic Campus has been a great device and we're proud of what we've done," Hubbard said. "I attribute a lot of that to Jon Rickman (vice president of information systems), because he's done a great job budgeting and planning. When we started back then we told the students that we wanted them to be as familiar with computers as parents are to the phone."

Rickman said a lot has changed since the flip of the switch.

"From the beginning, the Electronic Campus has had many changes," he said. "The initial foundation was based on the notion to network and share the connection between servers."

Rickman said Northwest was the first school to have web sharing in the early 80s. By the mid-80s, the University had 500 computers, interactive

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After the Oct. 9 deaths of University of Missouri-Rolla students Emily Douglas and Daniel Irsik, safety on the nearly completed stretch of Highway 71 has been a growing concern. Because of that concern, opening of four lanes has been delayed by at least a month.

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# STILL WAITING

Highway 71's full expansion opening delayed after district engineers deem intersection unsafe

By **ABBY SIMONS**  
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After citizen outcry and a closer look at the safety of the stretch, the Missouri Department of Transportation has postponed the much anticipated opening of Highway 71 for continued evaluation.

With last week's cancellation of the \$40 million project's grand opening originally slated to be celebrated with a ribbon-cutting yesterday, MoDot officials continue searching for a solution to potential safety hazards on the highway.

Dave Ahlvers, MoDot District I engineer, said the decision to postpone the roadway opening was made last week after the department received calls of concern from local citizens regarding the width of the median between Hwy. 71 and Business 71. According to Ahlvers, concern surrounded the fact that the width of the median, measuring a distance of 70 feet, 7 inches, would not be long enough to accommodate trucks parking within it without their back end protruding into the lane of oncoming traffic. Ahlvers said while most semi trucks measure 65 feet, the short amount of leeway is a cause for concern.

"The concern was that if the trucks did not pull all the way to the stop bar, they could be out in that lane of traffic, which obviously would cause a serious problem," Ahlvers said.

Gary Kinder, manager of O'Reilly's Auto Parts in Maryville, organized the Nov. 6 meeting to which more than 30 citizens attended. Kinder, who addressed his concern regarding the intersection with MoDot's Sr. Joseph and Jefferson City offices upon hearing input from farmers and truck drivers in the store, contacted other concerned Maryville citizens, including District 4 State Rep. Rex Barnett, Northwest President

Dean Hubbard and members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Ahlvers said the decision was made to delay the opening of the intersection. In the meantime, MoDot is in the process of building a concrete crossover one-half mile south of the intersection in order to grant use to the available new pavement, which stretches approximately 10 miles south of Maryville.

Ahlvers said that, weather permitting, the crossover should open Nov. 26 or 27.

Ahlvers said in the meantime MoDot engineers would generate alternatives to make the intersection in question safer and later present the ideas to citizens at a meeting that will take place within the next two weeks.

Ahlvers said MoDot will lay out and present three options for the intersection at the meeting. First among the options includes presenting the intersection as is. Secondly, a design will be presented that will widen the entire median. Thirdly, MoDot will propose signalizing the intersection.

"We're going to present those options and get some public input, make a decision, put the solution in place and get the entire roadway opened up," Ahlvers said.

Ahlvers said that while no accidents have been caused in relation to the width of the median, citizen concern became apparent

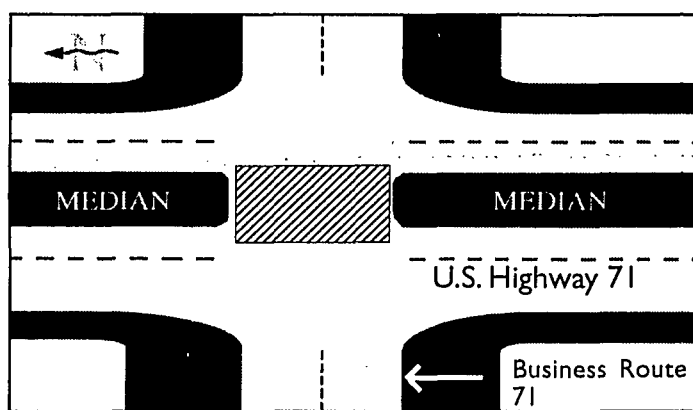


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The shaded area is the problem area on U.S. Highway 71. The median is only 70 feet, 7 inches in width, meaning any semi's trailer could easily extend into the highway if they do not pull up to the stop bar. Semis are normally 65 feet.

after the Oct. 9 deaths of University of Missouri-Rolla students Emily Douglas and Daniel Irsik, both who were killed at the intersection after colliding with a semi-truck. Ahlvers said an additional signal flasher will be added atop the stop sign at the intersection where the two were killed. Despite the cause for public concern, Ahlvers said that it was MoDot's responsibility to take action.

"We can design something to standards, but when you have that many local people who use that intersection every day telling you that there's going to be a problem, you need to listen," Ahlvers said. "You need to take a look at it and say 'Hey, does this have all the safety features we need?' and make sure that we don't open this thing up and then have a serious accident. We really do want to hear what everyone has to say, and then incorporate those ideas into solutions."

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## Departure leaves questions for Bearcat Sweethearts

By **ANN HARMAN**  
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With the unexpected termination of two Bearcat Sweethearts, football players, families and current members question the tactics of the organization's procedures.

On Nov. 1, two weeks after Jamasa Kramer, fifth-year Sweetheart, and Lisa Nichols, second-year Sweetheart, consumed alcohol at the Northwest-Pittsburg State game at Arrowhead, letters taped to their front doors informed them of their termination from the organization.

After observing Kramer and Nichols consuming alcohol, BSFA executive board, along with sponsor Mike Johnson, found Kramer and Nichols in violation of criteria No. 6 of the organization's constitution, which prohibits members from consuming alcohol while representing the organization.

In a statement from the Bearcat Sweet-

heart Football Ambassador's executive board, when members of the board attempted to contact Kramer and Nichols in person Nov. 1, they were not available. Because it was a sensitive issue and Homecoming was approaching, they wanted to be sure they were informed as quickly as possible.

Both Kramer and Nichols argue that they were not representing the organization that night since they purchased their own tickets, did not wear Sweetheart apparel and did not sit in the designated Sweetheart area.

Johnson said even if they did not sit with other Sweetheart members, they still represented the organization when they attend any football event because parents do not know when they are or are not acting as Sweethearts.

Kramer argued that the interpretation

of the constitution is ambiguous and needs to be reviewed because she did not think she was violating the criteria.

"I asked where the line was drawn between when I was a Sweetheart and had to watch how I behaved and when I could be myself," Kramer said. "And they didn't have an answer for that."

A statement from the BSFA executive board stated that in two consecutive meetings prior to the game the executive board made it clear that the game was a home game and that alcohol was not to have been consumed. The same statement argued that in a private meeting with the board and Johnson, both Nichols and Kramer agreed to draft consequences and a statement for the organizational meeting.

They were also told not to discuss what

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## City analyzes bar agreement

By **TRISHA THOMPSON**  
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Underage alcohol violations have been on the decrease since local bar owners signed an agreement in June aimed at reducing underage drinking.

Keith Wood, director of Public Safety, said the agreement might be helping to curb underage drinking in bars. "From reading reports and getting reports on our periodic bar enforcement activities, the number of arrests in the bars are down," Wood said. "In fact, I would go so far as to say they are down pretty dramatically. We still have periodic MIP or under 19 (violations) but nothing to the extent that they were before."

Wood said that out of 176 walk-through bar patrols since the agreement, Public Safety only found 18 violations.

The agreement targeted underage drinkers in local bars by eliminating all-you-can-drink specials and restricting other specials to before 11:30 p.m.

"They (bar owners) agreed to stop having the what we refer to as the surround-and-drown specials or all-you-can-drink specials," Wood said. "Instead, their specials are now limited to a by-the-drink special and they are supposed to be at a reasonable cost, not a give-it-away-free kind of special."

Wood said a lot of credit for the agreement should be given to the local bar owners.

"I think some of them (bar owners) were getting frustrated at having to come before the City Council periodically to defend their liquor license on an administrative basis," Wood said. "Some of them had been suspended in the past over violations in their businesses and I think many of them preferred to do business in a different manner."

Wood said that bar owners felt they needed to run the all-you-can-drink specials to remain competitive and the agreement allowed everyone to be at the same level.

John Yates, owner of The Pub, helped get bar owners together to compose what elements they wanted in the agreement. Bar owners presented ideas and the city helped to write the final agreement.

"We needed to get all together in a room and just hash some stuff out," Yates said. "It was the understanding that we had to do this as a group. The city had kind of had enough with the activities in the establishments. The city was going to crack down."

Wood said although most of the bar owners were cooperative in signing the agreement, he is receiving "mixed signals" from them as to whether the agreement is effective.

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PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rapper Tech N9NE entertains the crowd at Charles Johnson Theater Saturday. The event also featured local rappers Clak and Young D tha Dangler.

## Tech N9NE rocks 'Ville in sold out show

By **KARA SWINK**  
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With his love for old school rhythm mixed with new lyrics, solo artist Tech N9ne brought a rowdy, filled auditorium of Northwest students and Kansas City natives to their feet Saturday evening.

Popular Kansas City, Mo. rapper Aaron Yates, more commonly known as Tech N9ne, performed in the Charles Johnson Theater for more than 40 minutes, in a concert sponsored by the Intercultural International Center and Top 8 at 8. Tech N9ne was joined by opening acts: Northwest comedian Ben Fuentes, emcee Ralph Harton, I.C.Y., DoeDo and Dope Rhyme, Clak and Young "D" Tha Dangler and Young Guns.

Considering Tech N9ne's popularity in the Kansas City area, fans purchased tickets weeks in advance and lined up hours before the doors opened to be the first to grab front row seats in the auditorium's general admission setting.

Although opening acts I.C.Y., DoeDo and Dope Rhyme faced some technical sound difficulties and a lifeless room, the three were eventually able to bring the crowd around.

As fans crowded toward the stage, Tech N9ne jumped off the stage and began interacting with his screaming fans. Later, he walked around the auditorium to shake hands and danced with a few lucky ladies.

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# Hypnotist creates virtual experiences

By LORI MEYER  
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World renowned hypnotist Michael C. Anthony put on a performance at the Charles Johnson Theater that left the packed house buzzing about the show Monday night.

Anthony began the night with a simple card trick. The trick caught one unsuspecting audience member off guard as he lived up the audience.

Anthony then took a short break to dispel some of the common myths about hypnosis. He informed the audience that hypnosis is safe and can work on anyone. Anthony also told the audience that even if something were to happen to him while the participants were under hypnosis, they would come out of the hypnotic state in a short period of time.

After making the audience feel safe about volunteering to be hypnotized, the stage was stormed by a number of students wanting to participate.

The evening proceeded with about 30 participants on stage. Anthony then weeded out those volunteers not susceptible to hypnosis.

Once under hypnosis, the student participants were told to do various things when given a command. Tasks performed by students included howling like a coyote, pretending they were extremely hot on a beach, sniffing shoes as if they were oxygen masks and smelling their neighbor.

Nicolette Bienfang kept the audience entertained and rolling with laughter.

Bienfang gained the attention of the audience when she continually smelled the guy next to her because she was told he was wearing a sexy cologne.

"Hypnosis is very interesting," Bienfang said. "I'd like to learn more about it."

Anthony has been a hypnotist for approximately 10 years and became interested in it because of his uncle, who was a hypnotist for many years.

"Hypnosis is one of those things you have to see to believe," Anthony said.

Anthony has put on six performances at Northwest and is expected to make repeat visits in the future.

"They (Northwest) love to have me and I love doing it," Anthony said.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE AHRENS/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
Freshmen Nicolette Bienfang and Aaron Scroggins both try to break their hands apart but are not having much success. Both students were among many others hypnotized by Michael C. Anthony, who made his sixth appearance on campus.

## Geography, geology department proposes first online master's degree

By KARA SWINK  
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Northwest's department of geography and geology has prepared undergraduate students for jobs in the technical field for decades. Now the department is hoping to take it a step further and help graduates and specialists earn a master's degree in geographic information science through a proposed program.

The proposal focuses on the software, geographic information system, which combines printed material, a multimedia CD and the Internet. The master's degree program was approved by the Graduate Council Oct. 9. The proposal will have to be approved by Provost Taylor Barnes, the Board of Regents and finally the Coordinating Board of Higher Education.

According to Gregory Haddock, assistant professor of geography, the pro-

vost said he hopes to get the proposal on the Board of Regents' December agenda.

"We may really be having an approved program as early as sometime January," Haddock said. "We are hoping for fall 2003."

If the proposal passes, Northwest would be able to claim the first online master's program in GIS, Haddock said. "This gives us a chance to do something totally unique, and if this is successful it is going to be the first of its kind," he said. "We'd be the first online master's degree focusing on geographic information systems."

President Dean Hubbard and other members of the administration met with the Northwest Foundation during the summer of 2001, and discussed the possibility of developing an online master's program in GIS. The department was told to develop the program and find a

way to fund it.

In fall of 2001, the proposal was presented to the department for review and consideration and after discussion the department created a plan for the program's development. The members of the department think the master's program would benefit both the University and the department.

"This has support from the president and he gives a lot of credit since a lot of it was his idea," Haddock said. "He identified us as a potential area that could propose an entirely online master's degree."

Haddock said the 32-hour program would give the geography and geology department a chance to work with graduate students since neither department offers graduate programs.

"One benefit will be that since a lot of these students will be involved in jobs, we'll be able to even have a tighter rela-

tionship with some of our employers," Haddock said. "We imagine that a lot of them might be in the Kansas City employers we already send our students to. Some of them may be previous students coming back and getting their master's online."

Patricia Drews, assistant professor of geography, said there are many geography master's programs around, however, a program at Northwest would give the University a unique niche. The program would give people who are already in the industry a chance to receive a master's degree who can not take time off for classes, she said.

"This would allow them to do a program over several years," Drews said. "We've been hesitant to broadcast until we pass through some of the initial stages, but for those students who have heard of it, we've had quite a bit of interest."

Haddock and Drews are pleased the department has developed collaboration within the department to push the proposal along.

"We've actually had a lot of compliments for this document," Haddock said. "We've also had a lot of support from previous graduates who said, 'When you've got that let me know, because I'm interested.'"

The geography and geology department faculty thinks, if the proposal passes, other institutions graduates will look at Northwest as another cutting edge innovation.

"This proves we're willing to try things and my hunch is that this will be successful," Haddock said. "If not the first year, the second, once the word gets out there. This is totally Northwest, and they are going to be able to hang their hat on this peg."



PHOTO BY TONY CHOI/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
Georgia Houghton, Kevin Heldenbrand and James Bradley get involved with the seminar taught by Nodaway County Prosecutor David Baird.

## Sheriffs train students to work in Nodaway County

By JESSICA TASLER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Missouri Sheriff's Association is currently training nine students from Nodaway County and surrounding counties to become police officers in the northwest Missouri area.

Led by the association's training directors Ron Carrol and Mick Covington, students are participating in 470 hours of classes in Maryville.

The class meets on campus Tuesday and Thursday nights as well as every other weekend, to provide students who have full-time jobs a non-traditional way to obtain their law enforcement licenses. This is the first time the program has come to Maryville, Covington said.

"This is the first opportunity we

have had to work in the northwest Missouri area," Covington said. "We received a warm welcome from both the sheriff's and the campus personnel."

The academy trains officers in defensive driving, personal safety training, shooting and technical skill development courses.

The Missouri Sheriff's Association trains more individuals to become police officers than any other academy in Missouri. Not only does it provide training for new officers, but it continues the education of existing officers who must complete 48 hours of continued education every three years.

Also helping with the academy are Site Coordinators Bill Puett and Clarence Green, Nodaway County

Prosecutor David Baird and personnel from Maryville Public Safety, the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department and Campus Safety.

"This is an outstanding campus and we have outstanding students enrolled in the program," Covington said. "We hope to continue the program here in the future."

Green, who also works with Campus Safety, agreed.

"This is a great opportunity for northwest Missouri to host a leader in their field of training and assist them in providing quality law enforcement officers for communities of Missouri," he said.

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## Indian club sponsors celebration

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Indian food, fashion and entertainment will fill the Conference Center Friday during the second annual Diwali Extravaganza sponsored by the Indian Students Association.

Diwali will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., filled with different aspects from the Indian culture.

Diwali is traditionally known as the Festival of Lights. It is an ancient Indian tradition symbolizing the victory of light over darkness, as well as wealth and prosperity.

During this celebration it is customary to light small oil lamps (or candles) and place them around the home, courtyard or garden.

The placement of candles is a way of thanking God for health, wealth, knowledge and peace.

Utkarsh Bansal, secretary of ISA, has been involved with the Diwali festival at Northwest since last year.

"We want students to know about diversity and know about Indian culture," Bansal said.

Traditional Indian food will be served at the celebration including chicken with curry, Indian bread and desert.

Shalini Wilfred, master of ceremonies for the event, attended the celebration last year and is looking forward to it again.

"I loved the food," Wilfred said. "I like it all, so it's hard to pick a favorite."

During dinner there will be cultural dances complete with translators, as well as a presentation explaining what the festival is all about.

Bansal, along with other ISA members, will model traditional Indian clothes during the evening's fashion show.

"It's not just walking down the ramp," he said. "There is a lot to it. You have to know how to walk and where to look."

Last year's festival sold out with 250 tickets available.

"This year we are catering for 280 people, and expecting 300," Wilfred said.

ISA is hoping for a large turnout to experience Indian culture.

"To all those who came last year, I hope they come again," Wilfred said. "And those who did not come last year should come this year to experience India for a night."

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for students and \$5 for children and can be purchased at Student Services on the first floor of the Administration Building or from any ISA member.

For more information about the Festival of Lights, contact the ISA at 562-1367.

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Sept. 14	at Minn. St. - Mankato	1 pm
Sept. 21	Missouri - Rolla	1 pm
Sept. 28	at Southwest Baptist	2 pm
Oct. 5	at Washburn	7 pm
Oct. 12	Missouri Southern	1 pm
Oct. 17	Pittsburg State - Arrowhead Stadium - K.C., Mo.	7:30 pm
Oct. 26	at Truman State	1 pm
Nov. 2	Central Missouri State Homecoming	1 pm
Nov. 9	at Missouri Western	1 pm
Nov. 16	at Emporia State	2 pm



# Citizens react to threats of war

By SARAH DITTMANN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Americans are preparing for battle as the nation draws closer to a war with Iraq.

The issue is hitting home in Maryville as well as across the country, especially for Mark Corson, assistant professor of geosciences. As a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves, he said he expects to be called to service if the country does go to war.

"I have every expectation that if we invade Iraq that I shall be involved in it, so I'm putting my money where my mouth is," he said. "You've heard the term 'chicken hawk?' You know those people in the government who have never had any military service but make all these decisions? Well, I'm not one of those people."

Corson said he thinks that attacking Iraq is the wise thing to do because history has shown that Saddam Hussein is unwilling to cooperate with the international community.

"He is a bad man, and you can make whatever arguments for or against it you want," he said. "I can make both arguments as an academic, but my personal opinion is that he's a bad guy who's terrorized his own people for 30 years now. He's invaded

two separate countries, including the 1980 invasion of Iran. That war cost a million lives, both Iraqi and Iranian."

Corson also reprimanded Hussein's use of chemical weapons.

"He used poison gas on the Iranian soldiers as well as on his own prisoners," he said. "He used poison gas on the Kurds and suppressed their uprising quite ruthlessly and basically trashed a country that's got tremendous potential."

However, Corson was wary, but optimistic about any use of chemical weapons by the enemy in the impending war, stating that American forces have undergone extensive training in chemical defense. He said he was less hopeful for civilians who might be caught in the crossfire.

"I'll tell you who wouldn't survive, and that's all of the unequipped, meaning they have no protective masks or chemical suits, civilians around us at the courts or the cities or whatever the case is, and so that would be a catastrophe then for them most certainly," he said.

Corson also said the international community has the right to oust Hussein at any time because he has violated 16 different U.N. resolutions that resulted from the Gulf War.

"How long do you let an international criminal run rampant before the

international community, the community of nations, reigns him in?" he said.

Robert Dewhirst, professor of political science, is less optimistic about long-term consequences of an invasion of Iraq.

"I don't think the public has really thought in terms of potential long term," he said. "I think in the past, we just think if someone attacks us, then we hit them back and then they stop. But in this case, if you look at the Palestinian-Israeli struggle, that doesn't work that way."

Dewhirst referred to the almost constant warfare between the Palestinians and the Israelis that has been going on for the past 50 years.

With a country that is bitterly divided between the Sunni and Shiite sects of the Muslim religion, Dewhirst said he thinks there is potential for repeated retaliation between the two denominations in a struggle for power.

"That's the potential, the worst-case scenario, long-term consequences for all of this," he said. "And I find it very sobering for my children, my grandchildren, looking at the future."

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## In honor and remembrance

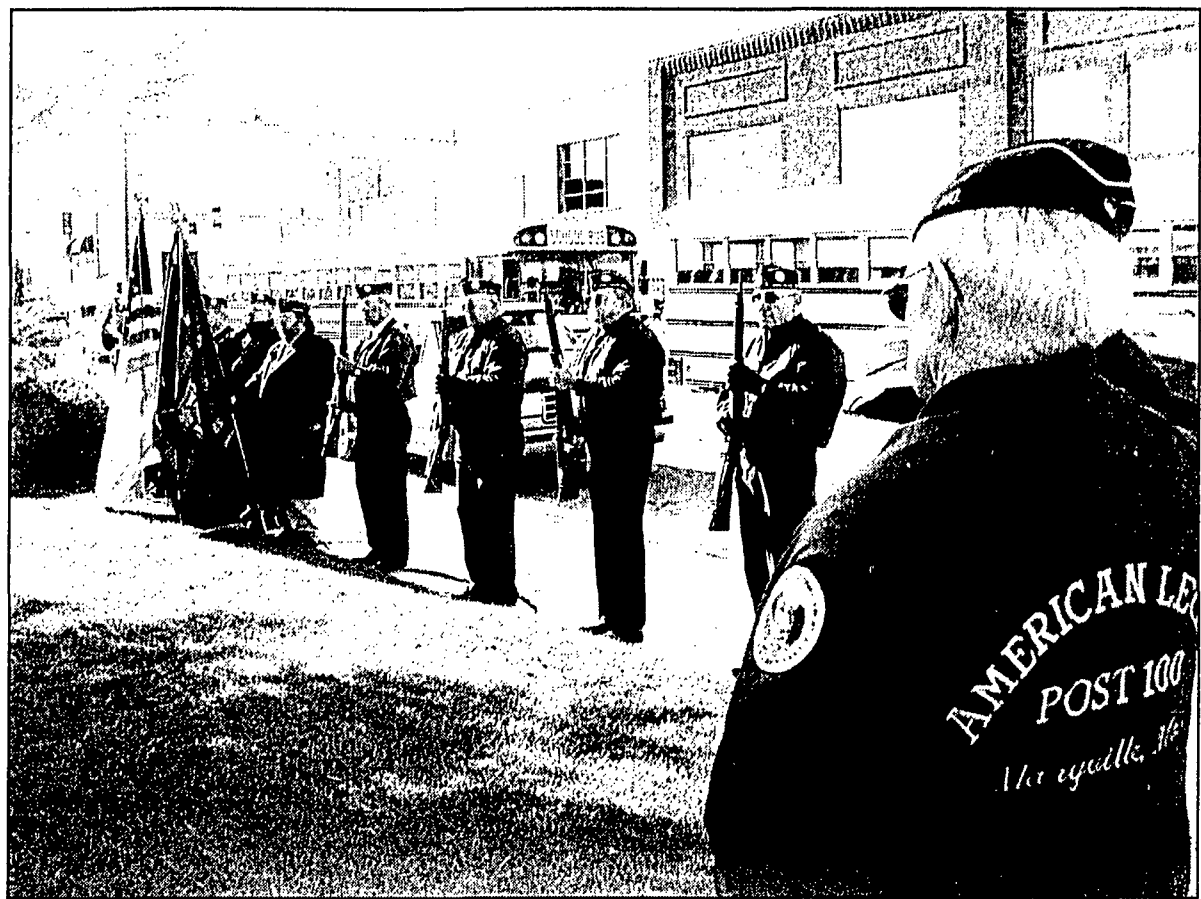


PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR  
Curtis Coffelt, American Legion Post 100 Past Commander, salutes while 'taps' is played at the Veterans' Day observance held Monday on the courthouse lawn. Coffelt led the firing squad of American Legion members in the ceremony, which included speaker Montgomery Wilson, and patriotic musical selections by the Maryville High School band.

## Country store satisfies rural customers' needs

By SARAH SWEDBERG  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Hidden far from the hustle and bustle of Maryville's supermarket giants, nestled outside the town of Wilcox, is Galaxy Country Store.

This discount grocery store serves not only Nodaway County communities, but also towns in Iowa.

From a dirty, old farm shed to a grocery store that opened on July 18, Galaxy Country Store operates from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays.

Store Owner Leland Yoder named his business after Galaxy Road where the store resides.

"It's a part of God's creation and I thought it would be a nice name," Yoder said.

Compared to a normal grocery store, a customer who walks into Galaxy Country Store will find a few differences. One difference would be the sign on the door that asks patrons to "please be modestly dressed." Also a piece of scripture from the Bible can be seen above the check-out counter.

Faith and religion relate to how Yoder operates his store, how he treats his customers and how he serves them.

With every customer Yoder serves, he tries to treat each person with respect.

"We try and have the good of mankind in mind as we do our business," Yoder said. "Everything we do, we try



PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR  
Regina Schrock, Galaxy Country Store employee, marks down discounted items to be sold. The store offers items at low prices ranging from groceries to farm supplies.

and do it with integrity as it has to do with honesty, as far as things I would not want on display, I would not put on display."

Yoder currently operates this business with help from his family.

"My goal, in the future, is to have it be family owned,"

Yoder said. Yoder also said his store purchases their grocery items, which are often heavily discounted to more than half-

price from reclamation centers and brokers.

By word of mouth, customers find Galaxy Country Store as an unknown wonder that helps them bargain shop for their physical needs.

Patricia Denham, a Shambaugh, Iowa resident, has six children and she shops at Galaxy Country Store because of the low prices.

"We come here every three weeks from the Clarinda, Iowa area to stock up on bulk and dry goods," Denham said. "Prices are good and it saves me money."

## United Way in need of funding

By SHANNON POLASKI  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Despite repeated fundraising efforts, United Way of Nodaway County is 60 percent short of their fundraising goal.

The not-for-profit organization is trying to collect \$92,500 by the beginning of 2003. As of Oct. 27, only 40 percent of the goal had been raised.

The campaign, which has involved a number of fundraisers, began Sept. 1 and has been off to a slow start, said Rhonda Twaddell, secretary-treasurer of United Way.

The money United Way collects will go to 19 different agencies around the area. Initial payments are due to these agencies by the first of the year which will be hard to do with the amount of money that has been collected so far, Twaddell said.

Michael and Cindy Wurm donate to the United Way every year and are glad they can help.

"The United Way really helps within the community," Michael

Wurm said. "There are multiple organizations they help and it is the easiest way to donate money. We donate every year."

Many community residents and area businesses have donated various amounts to the United Way fundraiser. Some residents and businesses are century level donors which means they have donated at least \$100.

Nodaway County residents Robert Bohlken and his wife, Mary, are Century 1 level donors. They said they were happy to donate \$100 to a good cause.

"We donate money to the United Way because it serves so many different agencies," Mary Bohlken said. "There are so many benefits that go right back into Maryville."

The United Way began in 1887 in Denver. By 1948 more than 1,000 communities incorporated United Way organizations. In 1974 United Way organizations across America raised more than \$1 billion.

Today United Way is the nation's leading community provider. In 2001-2002, United Way across the nation raised \$5 billion to help communities across the country.

Northwest is a major contributor to the United Way of Nodaway County. The school's goal this year is to raise \$14,000.

Some of the agencies supported by the 2003 campaign include: American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, 4-H Council, Girl Scouts and Lifeline.

The United Way ensures each organization they invest in is a non-profit, tax exempt charity run by volunteers.

Dorothy Weigand, a Nodaway County resident, is hopeful that more people will take part in United Way.

"It is a worthwhile project and I encourage anyone to help in any way they can," Weigand said.

For more information or to donate money to United Way contact the United Way Office at 562-3910.

## Donations, toys accepted for Toys for Tots drive

By LORI MEYER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Today's Civic Women, a local Maryville organization, is sponsoring a Toys for Tots fundraiser which will benefit local children.

The organization is collecting new toys and any monetary donations to be used to buy toys.

"We do this to brighten up Christmas for local children that would not normally have a Christmas like this," said Colleen Hastings, Today's Civic

Women's chairwoman for Toys for Tots.

Families who are wanting to participate in Toys for Tots need to register at Community Services located at 1212 B South Main.

Those wishing to contribute to the fundraiser can drop off their new toys in the barrels set up around Maryville. Barrels are located at Wal-Mart, Watkins True Value, Rod's Hallmark, Jass Salon, Bank Midwest, Movie Gallery, Citizens Bank and Trust, Orscheln's, Dollar General and Hy-Vee.

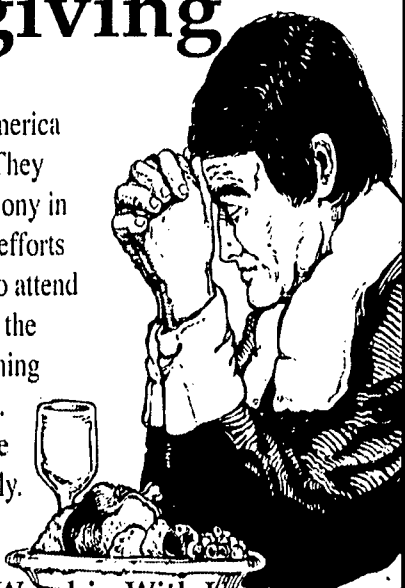
Anyone wanting to make a monetary donation can do so by sending donations to: P.O. Box 104, Maryville, MO, 64468. Checks should be made payable to Toys for Tots. All contributions made to Toys for Tots are tax deductible.

Hardee's donated 20 percent of their profits between 4-8 p.m. Nov. 6.

"I have had share nights for everything else and I thought 'Why couldn't I have one for Toys for Tots?'" Hardee's Manager Sandy Cochran said. "I thought it would be a good thing to do."

## The Meaning of Thanksgiving

In 1620, the Pilgrims came to America to escape religious persecution. They founded a permanent English colony in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Their efforts have made it possible for us all to attend the church of our choice, so reap the benefits of their sacrifices by joining your favorite religious affiliation. Church can make a big difference in the lives of you and your family.



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## The Fire This Time Elections play on American's fears

The day after this month's midterm elections, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer happily announced that "there's no question that ... (the unprecedented Republican victory) increased the chance of getting things done for the American people."

Luckily for Fleischer, the White House Press Corp. has heard that plenty of times, so they were able to keep straight faces.

The reality is that the elections were a nightmare for the American people.

Our ever worsening media sees the elections as a mandate for President George W. Bush to continue his agenda, which generally means playing on America's fears while working to cut taxes for the rich, destroy environmental protections, ignore needed social programs, block any attempts to regulate against corporate crime, give our social security to private big business, and of course, invade a country or two.

Actually, the elections weren't a mandate for much of anything: 80 percent of the U.S. electorate did not vote for the president's party—most of the country was too busy waiting for the verdict in Winona Ryder's shoplifting case, which of course received a ridiculous amount of coverage.

If we could manage to pull ourselves away from Ryder, post-sniper speculations and the other insane nonsense on our news networks, we might notice just how well the American people are really doing.

It's interesting that neither side in the elections mentioned that one in six children and one in eleven families in the richest country on Earth are officially living in poverty.

And making minimum wage in the land of opportunity doesn't mean making a living wage. A single parent making minimum wage barely makes half of what it takes to stay above the poverty line, which 33 million Americans aren't doing.

Of course, that's assuming they even have jobs, since unemployment is up to 5.7 percent and payrolls have fallen \$1.5 million in less than two years.

And as we prepare to happily ship off another quarter million young soldiers to war, I don't hear either party decrying the fact that nearly half of all homeless men in this country are war veterans.

Oh, and remember Enron? You may not, since it's not interesting enough for the media anymore, but remember those 4,500 famously laid off employees?

The maximum amount each of them will receive from a proposed settlement is \$13,500. The Bush campaign spent more than that renting corporate jets from Enron during the 2000 election recount.

Maybe Enron's 140 top executives should chip in, since they each made an average of \$5.3 million last year.

But the Bush administration, which has refused to release documents about its Enron-written energy policy for 19 months now, is working hard to make sure that corporations can regulate themselves, because we wouldn't want the government to try to protect working Americans from the robber barons that finance both parties.

And speaking of financing, big party candidates (with the notable exception of people like Republican John McCain and Democrat Russ Feingold) spend millions on every election, and that little-noticed election that we just had was no exception.

I wonder what all those millions could have done for our educational system. We're all aware that homeland security is a "vital priority," but education certainly is not. We already spend nearly \$400 billion per year on the military, not to mention another \$40 billion for homeland security. We spend about a tenth of that on education.

So, with the situation as bad as it is, why couldn't the Democrats use the failing economy to win major gains in the mid-term election?

Because, contrary to common liberal opinion, the elections would have been a nightmare even if the Democrats had taken control of both houses.

With extremely rare exceptions, like Minnesota Sen. Paul Wellstone, who died in a plane crash just before the election, the vast majority of our politicians only care about the American people to the extent that they can dupe them into putting the same people back in office.

And as long as we keep accepting everything we're fed, it will stay that way.

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**JED MURR**  
MISSOURIAN COLUMNIST

**Letter to the Editor**  
**Alumni remembers musician**

I just read about Earle Moss' death. He was a fine musician and person. As a senior at Maryville High School in 1955 and a freshman at Northwest in 1956, I played in his big jazz band. It's an experience I will always remember. My parents, Ralph and Dorothy Yehle, owned The Music Shop in Maryville and saw a lot of Earle, the Sandfords and others at Northwest.

I'm now at Avila University in Kansas City after 30 years of owning an advertising agency and have the pleasure of serving on the committee for the Northwest communication department.

**KARLYEHLE**  
OVERLAND PARK, KAN. RESIDENT

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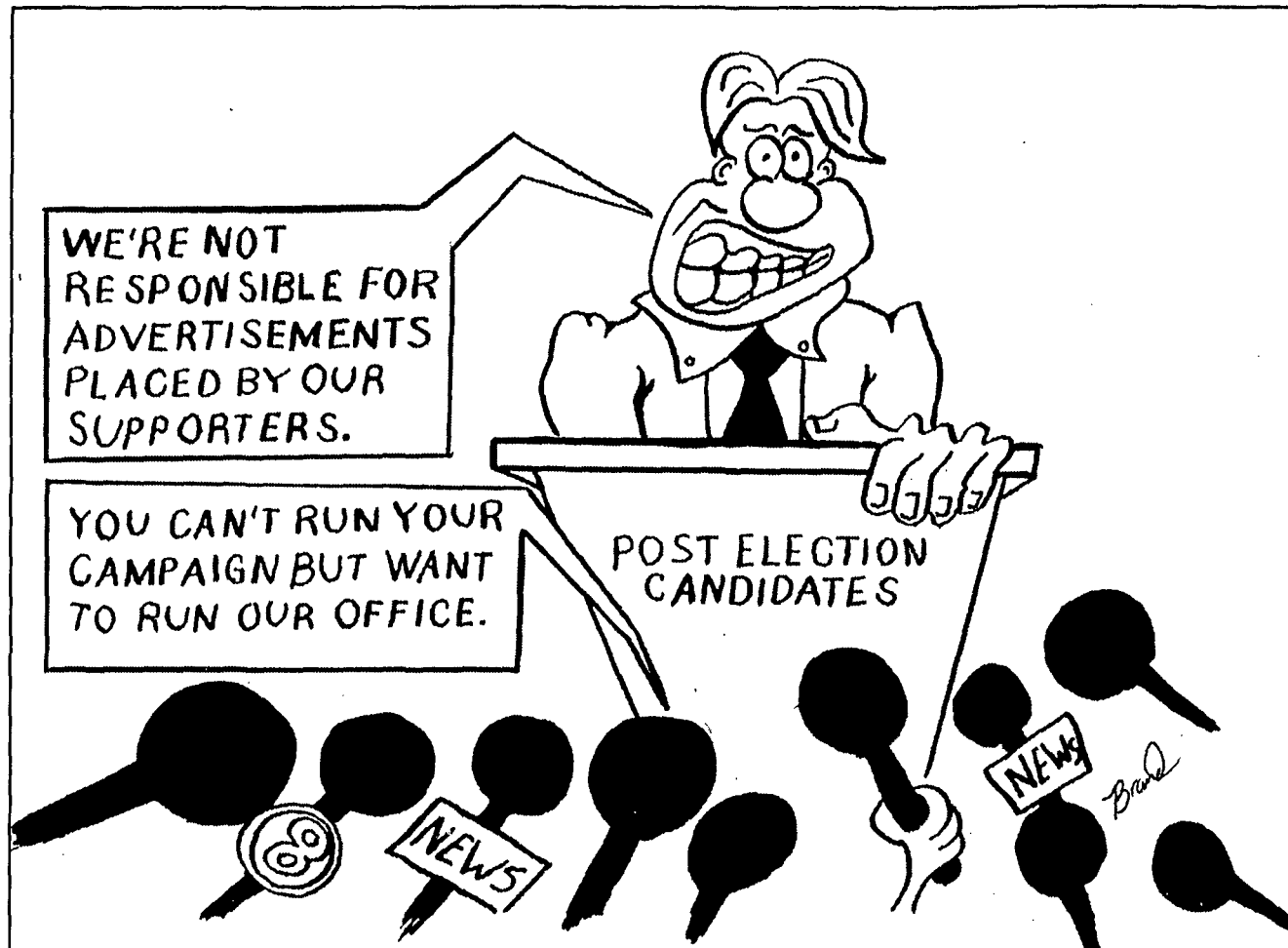
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## Our View Old school

Northwest needs to keep up with computer changes if wants to remain Electronic Campus

Imagine the excitement of attending Northwest in the fall of 1987. You arrive at your new residence hall with your clothes and posters in hand to find your room has been transformed into one of the many pieces that make up the Electronic Campus. With this new title, Northwest could boast to incoming freshmen that the University was the first public university to offer a comprehensive Electronic Campus.

This meant every residence hall room and many offices were equipped with a state-of-the-art DEC VT125 terminal and a telephone jack. The purpose of the telephone jack in each room was to allow the computers to connect to the VAX system which offered word processing, picture processing, spreadsheet capabilities, and something known as electronic mail from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. This was an enticing offer to new students seeing as how the turn of the century was approaching and many people were sensing computers as the wave of the future.

Now imagine you arrive as a freshman in the fall of 2002. You get to Northwest and into your room to see what exactly the buzz about Northwest being the Electronic Campus is all about.

You've been using or had the ability to access a computer all of your life and the PC you have in your room resembles many you've seen before. The only prob-

lem is that once you fire it up and get over the initial excitement of having an almost free computer to use, you start to realize that it's not up to par with what you've been using for the past two years at home.

Jon Rickman, vice president of information systems, states the purpose of Computing Services as providing an "analysis of the needs of the students and not of the current hype in information systems, with a strong effort to minimize cost."

The plan was for the VT125 terminals to last 10 years. This goal was set extremely too high though, as that would have meant not replacing terminals with more modern PCs until 1997, a year when the Internet was starting to take off and more and more computing power was needed.

Northwest's most recent upgrade to the Electronic Campus was in the summer of 2001. The school bought 3,400 new Gateway PCs that June. While the accessibility to all these computers is very high, their age is beginning to show.

Many students who are used to better and more powerful PCs may be disappointed when they try to load their favorite game on their room's PC or perform more advanced tasks such as playing video or even image editing.

The average student will not notice

any problem with the computer in their residence hall except for the network and its frequent slow downs, break downs and shut downs for back-up.

Some students see the computers provided by the University as a luxury and have no problem with the speed or power of the computers themselves. The only concern comes when students have the inability to access Northwest's homepage which is the only way to access other vital tools the University provides such as student and faculty directories, WebSTAR, and Blackboard.

If this school wants to continue calling itself the Electronic Campus by breaking new ground and setting trends across the nation, it needs to re-evaluate its priorities in providing a worthwhile computing experience rather than just a computing experience.

With upgrades set on a cycle of three to four years and our next upgrade not coming until 2004, Computing Services should consider whether their choice to replace our current monitors with flat screens would benefit students as much or more than an upgrade to the systems and the network itself.

It's hard and expensive to keep up with technology but if you plan to announce to the world that you are ahead of the curve, you'd better make sure you're following through.

## Letter to the Editor Bearcat Sweetheart complains about mishandled issue in group

In the mid-80s, former football coach Bud Elliot and his wife were a part of the Northwest football family. Mrs. Elliot had established an organization with the support of her husband and Northwest for girls to be the connection between the football players and families. This organization would be called the Bearcat Sweetheart Football Ambassadors (BSFA). The organization's purpose was to unite players and their families.

I am writing to you as a Northwest alumna and past BSFA member and president. After graduation I became aware of the Bearcat Sweetheart Alumni Chapter and I was excited to be a member. The organization is a great establishment for communication between the football team and their families and I couldn't wait to be a part of this organization on a different level.

After attending the game at Arrowhead Stadium Oct. 17, I became eager to get the Sweetheart Alumni Chapter rolling. However, my momentum has taken a turn for

the worse. I no longer would like to be associated with the BSFA for one reason; rules are not being followed according to the Bearcat Sweetheart Constitution.

A recent incident occurred the night of the Arrowhead game. One of the members (who is of age) had a couple of beers the night of the game. The Sweetheart who chose to drink did not attend the game expecting to receive her points for participating with the Sweethearts. However, two weeks after the game she was called to a meeting with the sponsor and the executive board. At this meeting, the executive board stated that they were disappointed with the actions of the member. The Board expected this member to apologize to the organization for her actions at the Arrowhead game. The member was not drunk; she merely enjoyed an alcoholic beverage. During the meeting she was never offered a chance to speak. The member later finds a note attached to her door on Homecoming morning stating that she is ter-

minated from the organization and the alumni chapter upon graduation. In past years, if an occurrence like this would have happened, we would speak about it and forget about it. However, this organization has taken the fun out of being a Sweetheart.

For the future, if any girls choose to be members, please beware. BSFA is no longer what it used to be and I would figure that Mrs. Elliot would be very disappointed in how this is being handled. I know I am. Unfortunately, for those of you still involved, you have an important question to ask. Do you want to be in an organization that is run by a group of girls who seem to be on a power trip and who neglect to inform you of happenings within the organization? This is a subject that as a past executive board member I would not want looming over my shoulders. I would have had the organization decide the fate of the girls in question.

**AMY RODGERS**  
BLUE SPRINGS RESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the Stroller's article regarding the ethical standards of our governmental representatives. The Stroller played to the average opinion of negative political ads. However, I would like to defend the battered "political pinthans" the Stroller would have hanged.

First of all, it is important to note that no local politician paid for the famous negative attack ads. When listening or reading the alleged negative ads, please note who paid for that ad. Because of a new Missouri law, no candidate may have any knowledge of campaign strategy outside his/her own camp. In cases of local political races, the political party, or private groups always paid for the negative ads, leaving local candidates (of any party) blameless.

The Stroller went on to argue that Missouri voters are never given a chance to know who a candidate "truly is" because of the short attack ads. It is nothing short of impossible for a candidate to highlight all that they stand for in a 30-second television advertisement; whether it is positive or negative. Debates, which have been consistently offered, are an effective method of providing voters with the opportunities to learn whom a candidate "truly is." It is up to us, as voters, to take steps so that we know the candidates. Political participation includes much more than the media spoon-feeding us information.

**ERIC ABNEY**  
SPEECH/THEATRE EDUCATION MAJOR

## Your View Should Northwest have dead week before finals?



"I believe we should have one, everybody deserves one."

**Michael Cothran**  
FINE ARTS MAJOR



"I think we should have one. I see a lot of use in studying for an entire week before it. But I was talking to other people and they said they would just spend the week partying. So I can see the positives and negatives to both sides."

**Mark Schulte**  
UNDECIDED



"I would say no because I wouldn't study, I would probably go out and hang out with my friends and stuff."

**Brylie Florea**  
PRE-MEDICINE MAJOR



"I feel our semesters are already short and condensed and that we're somewhat lacking our education from other schools. Therefore, I believe a dead week is out of the question."

**Adam Kneisel**  
COMPUTER SCIENCE  
AND CHEMISTRY MAJOR

## Letter to the Editor Student defends ads

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# Calendar of Events

**Thu. 14th** ■ Theatre: "School for Scandal," 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center  
 ■ "Reporting Tragedy: The Conception Abbey Shootings," 7 p.m., Wells Hall 232  
 ■ Wells Support Group, 11:30 a.m., 6 p.m., Children and Family Center  
 ■ Family T.I.E.S. Parenting Information Series, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Northwest Technical School

**Mon. 18th** ■ Geography Awareness  
 Week  
 ■ ICH Co-rec towerball begins  
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church  
 ■ Nodaway County Farm-City Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Conference Center

**Tue. 19th** ■ Geography Awareness  
 Week  
 ■ PIE Auction, 5:30 p.m., Maryville High School  
 ■ Cancer Support Group, 6-7:30 p.m., Laura Street Baptist Church

**Wed. 20th** ■ Geography Awareness  
 Week  
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Margaret Davidson Square

**Sat. 16th** ■ Curriculum and Instruction  
 Comprehensive Exam  
 ■ Educational Leadership Comprehensive Exam  
 ■ Jazz Ensemble Concert, 5 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre  
 ■ Theatre: "School for Scandal," 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center

**Sun. 17th** ■ Theatre: "School for Scandal," 2 p.m., Performing Arts Center  
 ■ ABC bake sale, 4 p.m., Wal-Mart Super Center

**Thurs. 21st** ■ Geography Awareness  
 Week  
 ■ WINGS Support Group, 11:30 a.m., 6 p.m., Children and Family Center  
 ■ Focus on Kids Program for Divorcing Parents, 4 p.m., 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room  
 ■ Wind Symphony/Orchestra Concert, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center  
 ■ "Our Story: Living With Diabetes," 7 p.m., Union Ballroom



PHOTO BY ALLIE ZAROOR/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
 Steve Purkapile, Rick Kilburn, Valerie Seay and Diane Sudhoff discuss Claritan and its effects on medical bills. The group attended a benefits fair held Tuesday.

business subjects, encourage interest and promote scholarships in business education, encourage civic responsibility, foster high ethical standards in business and professional life among teachers of business and to teach ideals of service as the basis of all worthy enterprise.

As members, they are now required to fulfill the aims.

## Students can purchase tickets online for events

People looking to purchase tickets to Northwest basketball games, Encore performances and other University theatrical shows can now do so online.

"Web services are in great demand these days and I think the online ticket purchasing process is a great service, especially for people who live out of town," Treasurer Jeanette Whited said. "It's worked well from what we've seen so far. Cashiering and the Student Services Center are very pleased with how it's working."

Tickets can be purchased via the secured Web site only by using a major credit card. Available basketball game tickets begin with the Dec. 1 matchup with Benedictine College, and only tickets to home games can be purchased online. Cost is \$8 for chairback seats, \$6 for railback and adult general admission and \$3 for student general admission.

Theater tickets available online include the Boys Choir of Harlem, AEROS: Illusion of Fight and "Crazy for You" as well as Northwest productions of "School for Scandal" and "Dancing at Lughnasa."

## Students play host to banquet to honor teachers

The Pacesetter class members of the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing will recognize their most influential hometown teachers with an Educator Appreciation Banquet Friday.

The inaugural event will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom at Northwest followed by a banquet at 6 p.m. Each of the 40 Pacesetter class members nominated a teacher from their hometown who played an integral role in their success.

"We wanted teachers to know that we appreciate all they did for the students to get them here," said Lacey Supinger, Missouri Academy recruiting and admissions secretary.

Honored teachers will receive cer-

tificates at an awards ceremony following dinner. Although not all nominees will be able to attend the event, Supinger said about 70 students, teachers and staff members are expected.

The Academy plans to make this a yearly event in order to stay connected with students' hometowns and high schools.

"We're hoping it will create good relationships," Supinger said.

## Extension Center offering thermometer exchange

The Nodaway County University Outreach and Extension Center is participating in a mercury thermometer exchange program coordinated by Meredith Berry, regional information technology Specialist. Anyone with a mercury fever thermometer can bring it to the Extension Center and get a free non-toxic digital thermometer as long as supplies last.

The National Academy of Science Report in 2000 attributed mercury exposure "to birth defects and brain damage in up to 60,000 newborn children each year. The greatest risk of mercury exposure from fever thermometers is improper disposal of broken thermometers. Mercury vaporizes quickly and is inhaled easily. Improper cleanup with a vacuum, paintbrush or household cleaner increases exposure. Indoor air may be contaminated by mercury vapor from a broken fever thermometer that has gone unnoticed or not cleaned up because of a difficult location such as a carpet. At a high level, mercury can cause damage to the central nervous system, tremors, inability to walk, convulsions and death.

The mercury trade-in program has been made possible by a grant from Region VII U.S. EPA through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Water Pollution Control Program, under section 319 of the Clean Water Act. For more information on this program, contact Berry at (816) 279-1691.

## Association of University Women to lead discussion

The American Association of University Women invites the public to join in a discussion centering around patriotism and political dissent at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Alumni House. Janice Falcone and Richard Fulton will provide historical and legislative perspectives, and will lead a timely

discussion on the place of dissent in a free society. The event is free and open to the public.

## Regional Extension Office appoints new director

Karma Metzgar has been named Northwest region director of the University of Missouri Outreach and Extension effective Nov. 1.

Metzgar, a 22-year employee of the Outreach and Extension program, will succeed current director Glen Easter, who is retiring.

Metzgar has served as the nutrition specialist in Nodaway County since 1980. She has served as Nodaway County program director for 10 years and as co-coordinator of the Family Nutrition Program for seven years.

"I'm pleased that Karma has assumed this leadership position," said Ron Turner, regional vice president and director of University Outreach and Extension. "Her leadership abilities, knowledge of extension and knowledge of northwest Missouri will be valuable assets in continuing to serve the people of that region."

Metzgar earned her master's degree in home economics in 1980 and bachelor's degree in home economics and journalism in 1979, both from Kansas State University.

## Northwest agriculture students receive awards

Several Northwest agriculture education students recently journeyed to Louisville, Ky., where they participated in the National Alpha Tau Alpha Conclave held in conjunction with National FFA Convention. The Northwest students participated in four contests and attended several seminars.

The Quiz Bowl, a competition where four members are questioned about agriculture, was won by Northwest seniors Josh Kempers (Sioux Center, Iowa), James Hardee (Clarinda, Iowa), Nathaniel Schmitz (Rolla) and Shannon Townsend (Corning, Iowa). The Northwest team won the competition in the final round, beating out Penn State, Florida State and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

The final contest was the Program of Excellence. Each competitor submitted a slide show consisting of 10 slides along with a summary of activities.

## Organization presents forum about Abbey

The public is encouraged to attend "Reporting Tragedy: The Conception Abbey Shootings," presented by the Society of Professional Journalists, at 7 p.m. tonight in Wells Hall 232.

Speakers include Abbott Gregory Polan, Dan Madden, director of communications at Conception Abbey, members of the St. Joseph news media and Ben Espey, Nodaway County Sheriff.

## Senior wins first place in writing competition

Senior Clara Busenbark, is the first-place winner of the student writing competition sponsored by the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

Busenbark, a public relations major, will be participating in the Missouri London Program next trimester.

"Studying abroad has always been a dream of mine and of course, winning this contest puts an additional \$300 in my pocket which I won't have any trouble spending in London," Busenbark said. "I was excited to win. I had it in my mind as a goal and went in there to do my best."

The competition, part of Public Relations Student Society Day, an annual networking event, requires students to identify a media target, write a press release, and identify one additional public relations tactic for a given scenario.

## Central Stores to temporarily close for building move

Central Stores will temporarily close to move from the Valk Agriculture Professional Center to the Materials Distribution Center Building from Nov. 26 through Dec. 4.

There can be no walk through orders since items will be boxed up for the move. Please plan ahead for the important items you need such as printer cartridges, paper, logo items, etc. Central Stores will be operational in the Materials Distribution Center Building Dec. 5.

The areas that are moving to the new Materials Distribution Center, off College Park Drive are Central Receiving, Central Stores, Movers, good used furniture and Surplus property. Central Stores is the only area that will be closed from Nov. 26 - Dec. 4. Central Receiving and Movers will be moved the afternoon of Dec. 2 and operational the morning of Dec. 3.

## Coordinating Board appoints commissioner

Quentin Wilson was appointed interim commissioner of higher education for the state of Missouri by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The appointment took effect Nov. 1.

"Quentin Wilson will be great for Northwest," said University President Dean Hubbard. "He has been a champion of quality in state government and will use Northwest as a measuring stick within the higher education community."

As commissioner of Missouri higher education, Wilson leads the Missouri Department of Higher Education in carrying out the Coordinating Board's goals and administrative responsibilities for the state system of higher education.

## Award-winning author to visit University

Lon Otto will read his original work at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Union Ballroom. Otto is the celebrated author of two collections of stories including "A Nest of Hooks" and "Cover Me."

Otto's work also has appeared in "Flash Fictions," "Townships," "American Fiction" and "Best Order." He is currently a professor at the University of St. Thomas.

The reading is sponsored by Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corporation and Northwest's department of English, and is a presentation of the Visiting Writers Series supported by Scribblers, the creative writing organization.

During the spring, The Visiting Writers Series will have Brigit Pegen Kelly and Suzanna Paola visit Northwest.

## News in Brief

### Alumni Relations sponsors tailgating festivities

Bearcat fans are invited to bring their own grills and food for a traditional tailgate Saturday when Northwest travels to Kansas to battle the Hornets of Emporia State University.

The tailgate will begin at noon in a parking area near Welch Stadium. Fans should look for the green and white flags. For more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 562-1248.

### Jazz groups to present fall concert at Northwest

Northwest Missouri area jazz groups will present a fall concert at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Charles Johnson Theatre.

The two bands performing will be Northwest's Jazz Ensemble and the District Jazz Ensemble, a high school honor band whose members audition throughout the region.

Sim Flora, a trombonist, flutist and jazz band director, will perform as a soloist with the groups.

"Jazz is America's music, and it really pleases me that our students perform this style of music so well here at Northwest," said William Richardson, assistant professor of music and jazz ensemble director.

The concert is free and open to the public.

### Honor society inducts new business members

Five new members were recently initiated into the Beta Chapter of Pi Omega Pi, the national business teacher education honor society at Northwest.

To be eligible for membership, students must be either a graduate student of business education or of sophomore status, have completed 15 semester hours in business and/or education, have a 3.0 grade point average in those courses and major or minor in business education.

The five new members are Andrea Collins, of Highland, Kan., middle school math and business education major; Teresa Feick, of Fontanelle, Iowa, pursuing a master's degree in secondary educational leadership, and has a bachelor of science in business education and office information systems, with minors in health education and coaching.

Others inducted were Lindsey Frerking, Higginsville, secondary business education major; Donna Ping, St. Joseph, secondary business education major; and Andrew Turner, Tipton, business education major.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

Oct. 29

■ Fire units responded to a vehicle fire on Highway 148. Upon arrival, the fire had been extinguished. The fire was the result of a vehicle accident.

Nov. 2

■ While on patrol in the 200 block of North Buchanan, an officer observed a male individual attempting to hide what appeared to be a brown beer bottle. Nicholas J. Jurgens, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ An officer received a report of possible child abuse that happened in the 300 block of East Summit Drive. An officer served a warrant on Anthony D. Wampler, 25, Maryville, for endangering the welfare of a child. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of North Saunders, an officer observed a female individual carrying what appeared to be a beer can. Upon making contact, Katherine E. John, 19, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession and littering.

■ Officers received a report of a loud party in the 200 block of West Eighth. Upon arrival, Timothy J. Elder, 21, Maryville, was issued a summons for permitting a peace disturbance.

Nov. 3

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her vehicle had been damaged while parked in the 1700 block of East Halsey.

■ An officer received a report of a loud party in the 200 block of West Seventh. Upon arrival, Brandon C. Roth, 21, Maryville, was issued summonses for permitting a peace disturbance and supplying alcohol to a minor. John J. Bennett, 18, Bethany, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 600 block of North Main that a vehicle had driven off without paying for gas.

Nov. 4

■ An officer received a report from a female individual that her wallet had been lost or stolen from the 1700 block of South Main.

■ Elizabeth A. Lamken, 21, Grand Island, Neb., was westbound on West First. Sara J. Volkmar, 21, Clarinda, Iowa, was southbound on North Munn. Volkmar entered the intersection, striking Lamken.

■ An officer received a report from a male juvenile that his calculator had been taken from his desk in the 1500 block of South Munn. The case is being forwarded to the Juvenile Office.

Nov. 5

■ Fire units responded to a structure fire at Liberty Road and 210th Street. Upon arrival, the structure was fully involved. Firefighters secured the area and determined the structure to be a total loss.

■ Diana R. Linville, 23, Clearmont, Charles M. Flohr, 24, Maryville, and Samantha L. Bell, 21, Maryville, were traveling north on North Main. Bell stopped to make a left turn onto West 11th. Flohr stopped behind Bell. Linville struck Flohr, causing him to strike Bell.

Nov. 6

■ An officer received a report from an individual stealing cable service in the 100 block of West Third. Ryan N. Calhoun, 25, Maryville, was issued a summons for theft of cable services under \$150.

■ Fire units responded to a smoke investigation in the 1800 block of South Main. Upon arrival, fire units were unable to locate or detect any smoke or fire.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male of a child left unattended in the 200 block of West Thompson. The case is being forwarded to the prosecutor for review.

■ An officer served a Maryville municipal warrant for failure to appear on Chad D. King, 19, Maryville. He was issued two summonses for failure to appear and transported to Nodaway County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

■ Sammi J. Stephenson, 16, Maryville, was stopped in traffic in a private drive on South Munn waiting to turn south. Megan B. Weiss, 17, Maryville, was attempting to turn left onto the private drive. Weiss struck Stephenson. Weiss was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Nov. 7

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male of a fight that occurred in the 1500 block of South Munn. Cody L. Newsom, 18, Maryville, and Jacob L. Hayes, 17, Maryville, were issued summonses for affray.

## CAMPUS SAFETY

Oct. 26

■ Campus Safety responded to Hudson Hall in reference to property damage.

Oct. 27

■ Campus Safety responded to Perrin Hall in reference to a medical emergency. The patient was evaluated and transported to St. Francis Hospital.

Oct. 29

■ Campus Safety received a report of property damage to a vehicle in the

parking lot behind the Administration Building.

■ Campus Safety towed a vehicle for parking violations from a parking lot behind Valk.

Oct. 30

■ Campus Safety investigated an accident in Lot 38. A traffic citation was issued for improper backing.

Oct. 31

■ Campus Safety received a report of stealing.

■ Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in Brown Hall.

■ Campus Safety responded to Colden Hall in reference to a medical emergency. The patient was evaluated and transported to St. Francis Hospital.

■ Campus Safety received a report of theft.

■ Campus Safety received a report of property damage.

Nov. 1

■ Campus Safety responded to a medical emergency in Hudson Hall. The patient was evaluated and transported to St. Francis Hospital.

■ Campus Safety received a report of property damage from Hudson Hall.

## BIRTHS

Leanna Christine Roush

Todd and Kara Roush, Maryville, are the parents of Leanna Christine, born Oct. 28 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and joins one brother, Jonathon.

Maternal grandparents are Vernis and Donna Giermann, Kiron, Iowa. Paternal grandparents are Dale and Kathy King, Maryville, and Jerry and Fern Roush, Maryville.

Brooklyn Nicole Spire

Ryan and Kara Spire, Maryville, are the parents of Brooklyn Nicole, born Nov. 1 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and joins one sister, Mackenzie.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Loes Rodrick, Ravenwood, and the late Judy Rodrick. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Vikki Spire, Maryville.

Paternal great-grandparents are Robert and Mary Spire, Maryville, and Ben and Dorothy Kohlleppe, Parnell.

Allison Jacie Yates

Lisa and Chris Yates, Tarkio, are the parents of Allison Jacie, born Nov. 1 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Jo and Sharron Hughes, Fairfax. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Mary Jo

## Tough guys



Chants from teammates to keep Christian Kincheloe and Chris Reynolds in rhythm could be heard Tuesday night at the Battle of Beef. The fraternity division was won by Alpha Kappa Lambda and the sorority division was won by Sigma Alpha.

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Yates, Davenport, Iowa.

Maternal great-grandmother is Beulah Welch, Rock Port. Paternal great-grandmother is Josephine Rellihan, Dubuque, Iowa.

Broady John Andresen

Harvey and Patty Andresen, Bedford, Iowa, are the parents of Broady John, born Nov. 2 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and joins three brothers, Coulton, Nathan and Sawyer.

Maternal grandparents are Doyle and Sharon Theas, Rea. Paternal grandparents are Phil and Linda Viets, Watson.

Maternal great-grandparents are Hazel Theas, Rosendale, and Norine Proctor, Savannah. Paternal great-grandparents are John and Lucille Hinkle, Onawa, Iowa, and Evelyn Viets, Rock Port.

Kaydena Brian Boock

Nathan and Kellie Boock, Maryville, are the parents of Kaydena Brian, born Nov. 2 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Terry Dew, Maryville, and Randy and Roberta O'Connell, Maryville. Paternal grandparents are Brian and Lola Boock, Audubon, Iowa.

Maternal great-grandparents are Marvin and Mary Poff, Gentry. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Edward and Bonnie Dew, Maryville.

Alex James Myers

Randy and Shari Myers, Maryville, are the parents of Alex James, born Nov. 3 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Phil and Marilyn Blunt, Murray, Iowa. Paternal grandparents are Clarence and Lucille Myers, Maryville.

Maternal great-grandmother is Nila Husted, Osceola, Iowa.

Lydia Starr Estrada

Lisa and Adrian Estrada, Maryville, are the parents of Lydia Starr born Nov. 7 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds and joins siblings Yesenia, Angelica, Jose and Evelyn.

Maternal grandmother is Sherri Bougner, Maryville. Paternal grandparents are Maria and Jose Estrada, Pamona, Calif.

Maternal great-grandmother is Dorthy Ebert, Maryville.

Trevor Daykota Owens

Chris and Robin Owens, Maryville, are the parents of Trevor Daykota, born Nov. 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and joins siblings, Terrell, Elizabeth and Kandice Owens and Teresa Clark.

Maternal grandparent is Almeda Owens, St. Joseph. Paternal grandparents are Rick and Paula Clark, Maryville.

Maternal great-grandparents are Paul and Pauline Miller, Skidmore, and Jean and Beverly Russell, Shambaugh, Iowa. Paternal great-grandparents are Shaggy Morrow, St. Joseph, Virginia Robison, Grant City, and Bill and Deloris Owens, Grant City.

## DEATHS

Margaret Jane Prather

Margaret Jane Prather, 88, Bedford, Iowa, died Nov. 3 at Bedford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Bedford, Iowa.

She was born Sept. 18, 1914, to Ernest Nellie Jeffers in Taylor County, Iowa.

She is survived by one nephew, Dennis David; one niece, Jean Underwood; and great-niece and nephew, Jennifer and Matthew Freeman.

Services were Nov. 7 at Swanson-Price Chapel in Hopkins. Burial was at Hopkins Cemetery in Hopkins.

Brother Leo Prichard

Brother Leo Prichard, 72, Conception Abbey, died Nov. 5 at St. Stephen's Infirmary in Conception.

He was born Feb. 15, 1930, to Edward and Hazel Prichard in Wichita, Kan.

He is survived by his monastic community of Conception Abbey; one sister, Joan Leis; one brother, James Robert; one sister-in-law, Alice Prichard; nieces and nephews; grandnieces and grandnephews.

Services were Nov. 8 at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Conception. Burial was at St. Columba Cemetery in Conception.

Gladys Eva Davenport

Gladys Eva Davenport, 93, Maryville, died Nov. 5 at Beverly Healthcare Center in Maryville.

She was born May 10, 1909, to Alonzo and Margaret Clemens in Trenton.

She is survived by two daughters, Frances Wallis and Peggy Hefner; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 12 at Feather River Baptist Church in Maryville, Calif. Burial was at Sierra View Memorial Park in Maryville.

Wilbur T "Bill" Gassner

Wilbur T "Bill" Gassner, 92, Maryville, died Nov. 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born May 5, 1910, to Roy Gassner and Rose Wilkinson in Worland, Wyo.

He is survived by one sister, Mary Jane; one step-daughter-in-law, Mary Maupin; three grandchildren, Eric and Alex Maupin and Britt Bowman; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens in Maryville.

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## CONCERT from 1A

## Local rappers rock audience during concert

"He was awesome again tonight and almost better than the first time I saw him," said Erin Tuttle, Kansas City, Mo. resident. "Tonight was definitely worth the money, especially when he got up and walked around in the crowd. He was just awesome."

Tech N9ne impressed the crowd with newly recorded songs "Slacker" and "I'm a Playa," from his newest CD Absolute Power, which was released Sept. 10 and with some of his old favorites like "The Ring."

"The Ring" represents every element of Tech N9ne," Tech N9ne said. "It's lyrical and beautiful. It's straight from the heart."

Tech N9ne said his style of rap has not changed much since he started and wrote his first rhyme in 1985.

"I just discovered pitch," he said. "Pitch is my thing, which lets me say things in a different way. Pitch is just beautiful."

While Tech N9ne has faced problems having a rap career in the Midwest, he is not planning on leaving, he said.

"I've stayed in the Midwest because this is what I know," he said. "I don't really know Cali, I don't really know New York, I don't really know Detroit, but I just love the Midwest," he said. "They always say represent the place where you stay. It's a blessing that I've come up and made it big."

Matt McLaughlin, criminal justice major from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, stood outside for hours before the doors opened because he loves Tech N9ne's music.

"I went to one of his CD releases because I think his music is just awesome," he said. "He's an artist that other artists just can't compare with."

Other fans like Ranesha Jackson, Northwest accounting major, bought her ticket soon after they went on sale and could not wait, she said.

"Tonight's been great," Jackson said. "Tech N9ne is enthusiastic, exciting and he rocked the house. He's just a great artist who represents a wide variety of things, and brings a lot of things to the table. I've been a fan forever."

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## BARS from 1A

## Public Safety receives reactions from local bar owners regarding agreement, city will encourage document renewal

Yates said he did not feel a lot of pressure from the city like other bar owners since The Pub only admits people over 21. However, Yates said his bar is grouped with every other bar in town.

"People in the community say 'the bars' are guilty, then everyone is guilty," Yates said. "I wanted to help clean up the image and help us all out."

The bars that have been directly affected because they admit underage patrons may be experiencing some adjustments and changes, Yates said.

"There's been a little backlash from the student body," Yates said. "Without the drink and drowns (specials), they



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE AHRENS/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
Sophomores Sarah Daniels and Ashley Tyser work on lab projects in botany lab class Tuesday morning. Lab is in the Biology Greenhouse building located by Garrett Strong.

## New botany lab aids students in learning

By DEVIN RANKIN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The \$709,000 construction of Northwest's Biology Greenhouse began and ended this year providing needed space for biology classes. The building is located next to Garrett-Strong and gives students lecture, lab facilities and a greenhouse all in one building.

The lab, located north of campus on Centennial Drive, replaced the greenhouse and botany classes originally taught in Garrett-Strong.

Greg Dieringer, assistant professor and chair of biological sciences, said the University needed a lab because having classes held in Garrett-Strong were inadequate for higher education learning.

The new Biology Greenhouse allows the University to free up space for other courses to be offered in Garrett-Strong. Dieringer said having all botany classes in one building makes it more convenient for everyone.

The building also features prep rooms, which are necessary for the upkeep of the greenhouse and helpful in the study of

botany.

Botany is the study of plant life and requires the application of plants to class time. A greenhouse provides living specimens for the students to work with and gives an excellent opportunity for hands-on experience with plants that may not be found in the Midwest.

"We have a live collection of plants in the greenhouse that you would not find here," Dieringer said. "We are able to have these plants in the greenhouse and they can still survive for the students to study."

Karen Schaffer, assistant professor of biological sciences, is the instructor for all courses offered in the lab.

"With the greenhouse hooked to the lab, the plants are readily available for me to use in class and the students can go in and observe most anytime," she said.

The new lab poses as an excellent resource for students and staff in the biology department, Schaffer said.

"This new lab is just a wonderful opportunity for any botanist in the biology department," Schaffer said.

## COMPUTERS from 1A

## Northwest's 'Electronic Campus' celebrates 15 years as other institutions try to catch up

touch screens, kiosks all around campus, like the one on the second floor of the Union, and voice messaging.

"Some schools are still trying to figure out how to use voice messaging," Rickman said. "We've gone beyond that and with the expansion of the web, things like voice response systems were unfriendly compared to web-based systems."

Northwest had the largest electric data switch and more than 3,000 links were

available across campus in the late 80s, Rickman said.

By the early 90s the University made an effort to make an Internet protocol before Windows came about to support Internet web sharing.

"It wasn't easy but we were successful and we were able to give rapid service to install systems," Rickman said. "In the National Scientific Services, we received the No. 1 ranking in 2002 in the masters level, which is mid-range schools."

## SWEETHEARTS from 1A

## Former Bearcat Sweethearts protest recent termination

was said in the private meeting about the matter as an attempt to not make it an issue within the group, Johnson said.

Kramer and Nichols said they agreed to address the matter, but not apologize. When meeting time came, the issue was not on the agenda and neither they nor the executive board acknowledged it. Two days later, they received the letters.

The board admitted that it was unclear at the Oct. 29 meeting who was supposed to initiate the statement. Kramer acknowledged she was supposed to make a statement, but thought the issue was being ignored at the Oct. 31 meeting since it was not on the agenda.

Johnson said it was their responsibility. "They knew they had to make a statement," Johnson said. "The fact is they did not step up and accept responsibility."

Nichols is not convinced.

## HIGHWAY from 1A

## MoDot debates Highway 71 construction, intersection

Ahlvers said once a decision is made in December regarding the intersection, he estimated that due to weather conditions, it would most likely not open until early spring. Despite the delay, Ahlvers is optimistic about the road's future.

"There's no question that the road will be opened," Ahlvers said. "It's just a matter of putting some changes in

place to ensure that we don't have a problem with the trucks sticking out into the travel lane."

While MoDot engineers see a safe future for the intersection, Kinder, as well as fellow community members, beg to differ. Kinder said among future solutions discussed by MoDot is the construction of an overpass in 2008, a project Kinder said the com-

munity would want to see constructed much earlier. In the meantime, Kinder said current plans for the highway remain far short of meeting safety standards set by members of the community.

"It's not going to be satisfactory, whatever they do," Kinder said. "It's still going to be a fairly dangerous intersection."

Johnson thinks if members, players and families know the whole story, they will agree with the decision; however, one family is already upset.

Gordon and Sue Scaggs, parents of running back Geromy Scaggs and one of Kramer's football families, socialized with Kramer during the Arrowhead game, but said there was never any indication she had been drinking. The Scaggs agreed the "cowardly" manner in which the executive board acted appalled them.

"I think the administration should look into this," Sue Scaggs said. "Because whether the organization is officially affiliated to the University or not, it's a blemish on the University."

Johnson said the issue could have been resolved had Kramer and Nichols taken responsibility for their actions, accepted the consequences and moved on.

## LAWSUIT from 1A

## Attorney cites advertisement's inaccuracies in lawsuit

committee and himself when he questioned the ethics of the committee earlier in the election. A number of arguments with Jeff Roe, Graves' chief of staff, later ensued. Miller believes the ad is a result of a conspiracy by the parties named in the lawsuit and that prior to Nov. 3 the defendants agreed to prepare, place, publish and pay for the advertisement.

Last week, Jacob DiPietro denied involvement with the advertisement, despite

acquiring upon request Miller's photo and a letter to the editor from *The Northwest Missourian*. The photo and portions of the letter appeared in the advertisement. Upon contacting Graves last weekend, Miller said he denied his own involvement, but not the actions of his campaign committee.

Phone calls placed Wednesday to Jacob DiPietro and Graves' spokesman, Jewell Patek, were not returned.

Miller said despite the fact the suit may

take more than a year to enter the courts, and advisement from fellow attorneys not to take on the case, he finds the case necessary not only to defend his own image, but also the integrity of elections nearly destroyed by mudslinging campaigns.

"This negative, untruthful campaigning, in my opinion, is a cancer that's eating away at the fabric of our electoral process," Miller said. "If we can't get it under control, then God help us all."

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# THE WISDOM OF EXPERIENCE

For some people, dealing with the loss of a child could mean the end of any kind of normalcy in life. But one Northwest family used their experience to help other people see how they can find healing in little pleasures.

By ANN HARMAN  
FEATURES EDITOR

Four years ago, as the Northwest family prepared for the journey to Florence, Ala., to fight for the 1998 national football championship title, spirits were high and a sense of triumph already settled in. For one grieving family, however, the symbolism of that winning season and that game in particular brought far more emotion than excitement or achievement.

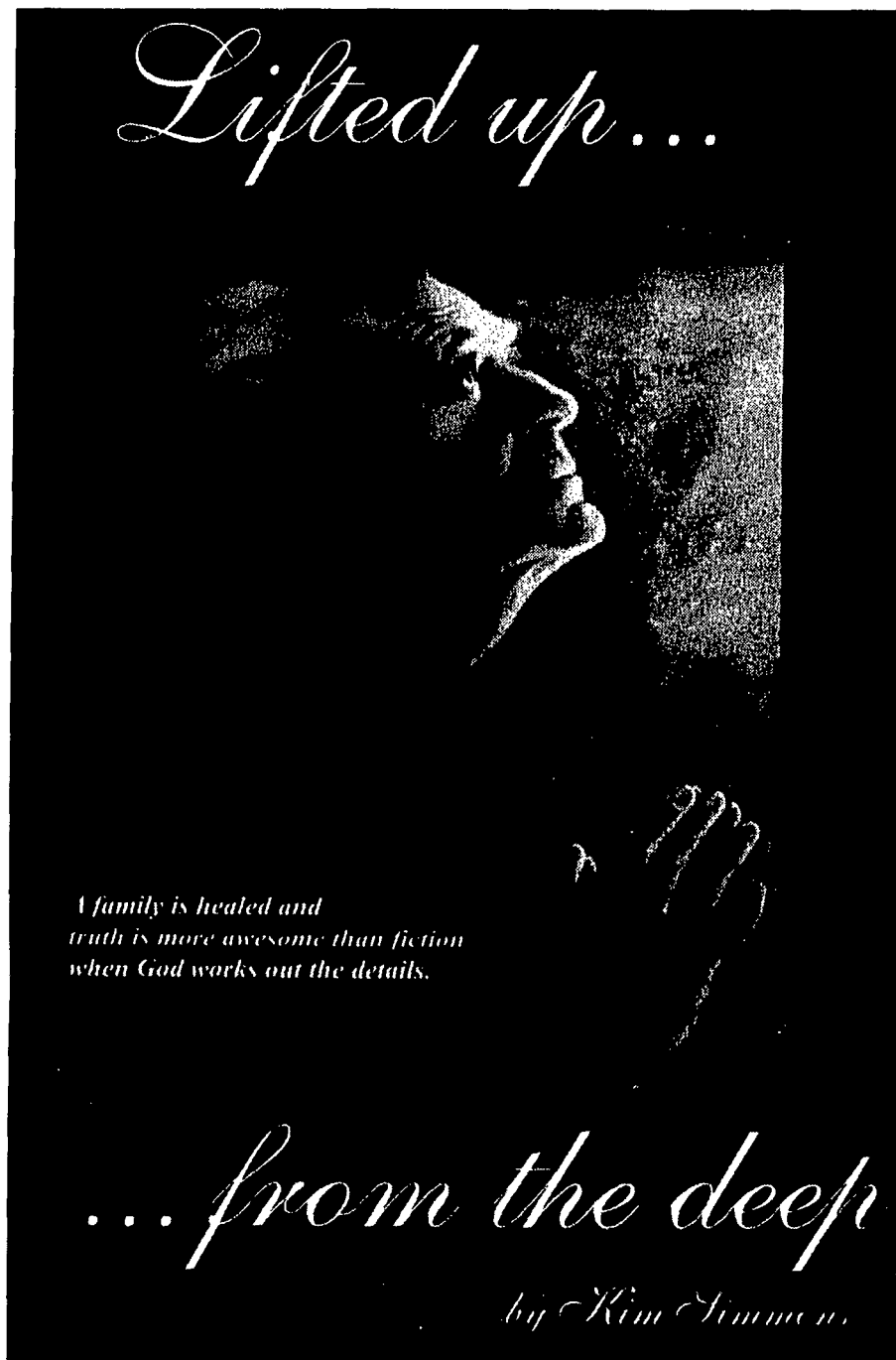
The previous spring, Dave and Kim Simmons and their three children had several reasons to be proud. Their oldest child, Jason, mere weeks from a Northwest degree in mathematics, planned to marry his long-time fiancée and was already thinking about buying a home. Wes, the next in line for a Northwest experience, looked forward to a promising football career with the Bearcats, and Jenny, the youngest and only daughter, made her own tracks in high school as a pole vaulter and 400-meter dash runner.

Unfortunately, those much anticipated events suddenly seemed trivial. Two weeks after spending what Kim described as a perfect Easter Sunday at home in Excelsior Springs, Jason and his fiancée Melissa were involved in a head-on collision while travelling home.

Although Jason, or Jay as his family called him, held on until all of his family could say goodbye, he passed on before the next day could break.

Jason's death and the events that followed took Kim, Dave, Wes, Jenny and countless friends and family through a life-altering journey. Several occurrences, which many other people might have passed off as coincidences, led the family to a stronger belief and faith in God and his healing hand.

With the encouragement of those around her, Kim decided to put those happenings and the emotions roaring through her into words. Floods of tears, countless computer battles and two years later, the dream



A family is healed and truth is more awesome than fiction when God works out the details.

cident to the first sign of a white dove and the healing others found through reading the book, Dave said "too many things happened too perfectly" for any of them to be considered coincidence.

"When you are in the depths of despair as we were at that time, I just think you're more receptive to things that he's there to give you," Kim said. "It helped us from the very initial night."

Just like Dave and Kim and their children were helped by their experiences with God, Kim's prose continues to help others find healing. Marco de Bellius, a Brazilian man who provided Dave and Kim with one of the photographs in the book, could identify with their situation having also lost a son. In the beginning correspondence of a lasting friendship, de Bellius wrote, "I had never thought God could speak to us. Your family changed my mind."

Anyone who accepts this life as merely part of a greater plan would enjoy the personal prose style in this book. Whether or not one believes in God or that anything could be symbolic of a higher being, this book offers a way to find comfort in getting through trying times in life, death related or not.

For more information on the book, e-mail Dave and Kim Simmons at [davenkimsim@cs.com](mailto:davenkimsim@cs.com), or write to: A-Corn Publishing, 13566 Little Farm Rd., Excelsior Springs, MO 64024.

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Moving into the real world is exciting and adjustment time is understandable. When that time becomes too much of a routine, though, alumnus Trevor Schmidt ('97) offers tips on how to get out of the funk.

By ANN HARMAN  
FEATURES EDITOR

As Northwest students prepare to graduate in December, many probably dream of the sweet release from tests, papers, studying and, of course, roommates. Some are headed straight into the real world; some will sponge off mom and dad for the next five years. One trap these recent graduates might not be thinking about is falling into a drab routine and lacking the motivation or desire to get out of it and do what they love.

Trevor Schmidt ('97) tackles this and other landfalls recent graduates might not be able to escape in his recently published "Swimming Naked."

Although the title suggests otherwise, the book deals with an ever-present issue among recent college graduates in that many have a hard time getting the motivation to get their lives going in the direction they want. Using his philosophy degree to its fullest by initially confusing the reader but getting to his point, Schmidt offers advice on avoiding the very phenomenon he writes about. And what better topic to write about than that with which he has firsthand experience?

The project of writing the book started some five years ago, when Schmidt found himself stuck in a routine. It was lucrative, but he said it wasn't exactly where he wanted to be in life. He was working as a bartender and found himself stuck in the "rat race" of life. That was

his turning point.

Schmidt resigned from his bartending position and turned his efforts to more artsy things such as acting at the Kansas City Zoo as an Australian information guide and of course, tending to his long-time dream of being a writer.

Like many other recent graduates, Schmidt was still looming in the mentality of someone else dictating what he should do. His intolerance finally gave way.

Although, when Schmidt sat down to write the book, which he originally intended to be something of a pamphlet for corporate training, he still had trouble getting it started. One approach to getting it done involved holing himself up in his basement for two months forcing himself to write. However, that forced prose came out as "forced and clunky" and Schmidt was not satisfied.

Determined to finish what he started, Schmidt kept going and once he found his style and added a little of his own character into the flow of things, the writing became easier.

While conciseness is often a challenge for many philosophy majors, Schmidt makes up for the sometimes mundane moments and big words with familiar, in-your-face humor and a common theme to follow throughout the book. Anyone who has seen the movie "The Princess Bride" can fully appreciate these traits.

In addition, Schmidt does a de-

cent job of explaining any points that might be confusing or incomprehensible to non-philosophy people.

First, let me explain a little bit about life itself, how we all experience it," Schmidt writes in his pseudo character.

"I'll use small words so that you'll be able to understand, you warthog-faced buffoon. The start point of all we experience is the dynamic of love and pain. When I say dynamic, I mean literally a force of tension."

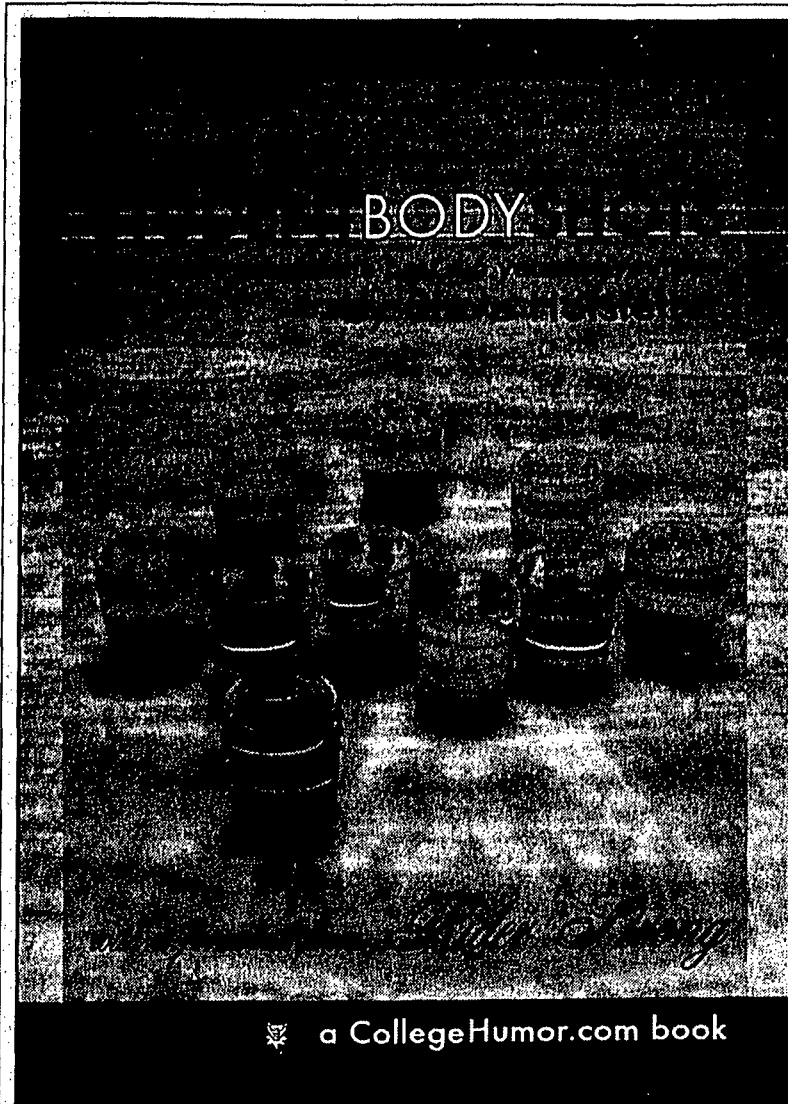
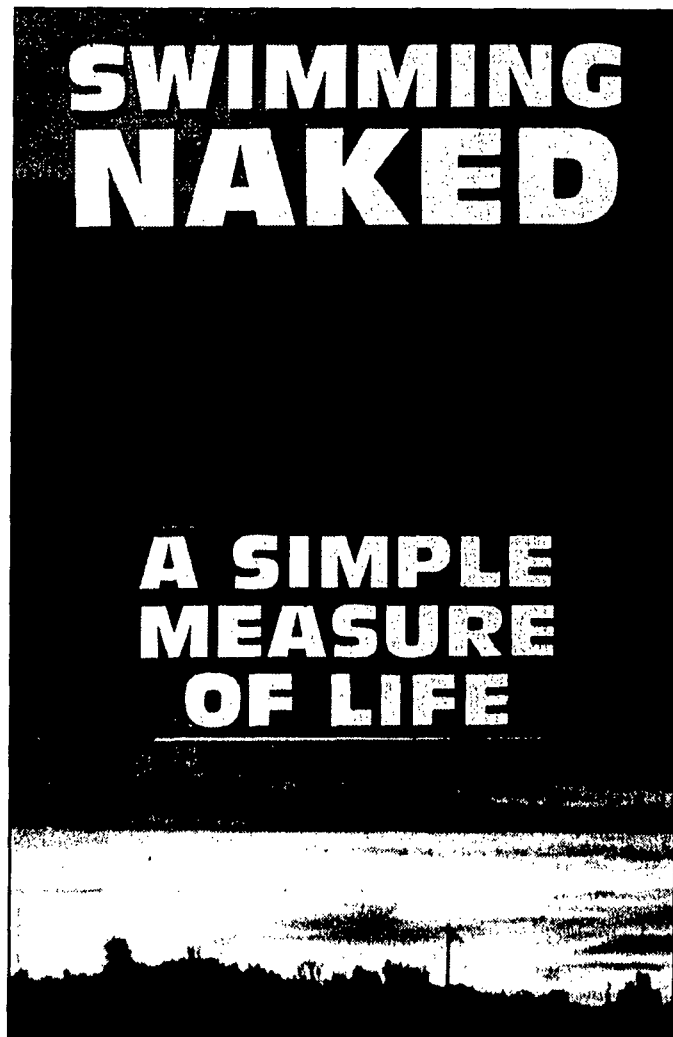
Admittedly, the book is a hard read to get enthused about; however, Schmidt's purpose and goals for the book are evident throughout.

Nominated for the 2001 Menn Thorpe Award, the book is worth

picking up when one is in doubt of his or her path in life.

To receive a signed copy of the book, call 1-888-888-7696, or e-mail Trevor Schmidt at [schmidttr\\_e@hotmail.com](mailto:schmidttr_e@hotmail.com). The book is also available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com.

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a CollegeHumor.com book

Think this is the only college campus with social deviants and fake IDs?

By ANN HARMAN  
FEATURES EDITOR

Anyone who's ever wondered what life might have been like on other college campuses can wonder no more.

In a humorous interpretation of what college life is like — which turns out to be quite accurate — Steve Hofstetter, 2002 graduate of Columbia University, delivers to students a collection of everything that makes college what it is. Those who have graduated from college, are still in college or wonder what college would be like can find all that in Hofstetter's first book, "Student Body Shots: A Sarcastic Look at the Best 4-6 Years of Your Life."

Beginning with a foreword from Rider Strong, who played Sean on "Boy Meets World," readers are quickly drawn in to the truth of what he writes. From the time college stu-

dents gain the infamous "freshman 15" to the last time we can drink ourselves into oblivion and still be cool, Hofstetter covers it all.

"You know you have a drinking problem when the bartender tells you to call ahead if you can't make it so he doesn't worry," Hofstetter wrote. "When they pour your drink before you order, you're a regular. But when they set up your drinking game for you, it's time to take a night off."

With only a few slams on the typical geeks of any educational institution, everyone can relate to the subjects covered in the book. The wit and sarcasm keep the reader interested and laughing the whole time.

This is a book to enjoy even for those who think the jokes about college are overdone. And those who never went to college — you can laugh at the people who did.

Published books aren't the only achievements made by Northwest alumni

■ Richard Leet

1948

Chairman for the Campaign for Northwest  
Retired vice-chair for Amoco

■ James Hammond

1955

Dean Emeritus  
Pennsylvania State University

■ Jerry Horton

1963

National Coach of the Year  
High School Girl's Track

■ Melvin D. Booth

1967

President, CEO  
MedImmune (biological/medical firm)

■ Karen Daniel

1980

CFO  
Black & Veatch Holding Co.

■ Julie Frump

1986

Named to "Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2002"

■ Rick Reeve

1997

Senior District Executive  
Pony Express Council, Boy Scouts of America

■ Chris Grieson

1999

Former quarterback for Arizona Cardinals

Sources:  
The Northwest Alumni Magazine  
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Thursday, November 14, 2002



Wide receiver Jamaica Rector catches a 30-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter of a 13-10 victory. Rector's touchdown made the score 13-7 and

concluded the scoring for the Bearcats. Rector finished the day with 129 yards on eight catches. It was his fourth straight 100-yard receiving game.

# HANGING ON

*Bearcats block late field goal, upset in three-point win over Missouri Western*

By CLARK GRELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest Bearcats clinched at least a tie for the MIAA crown Saturday in a 13-10 victory over rival Missouri Western State College.

However, it was not easy by any means.

Flashbacks of last year's 37-30 overtime loss surfaced after the Griffons marched down the field with less than a minute to go in the game. With less than 30 seconds left, Western positioned itself to tie the game at 13 after Griffons quarterback Michael Cooper completed a pass to wide receiver Darwin Pitts.

Three plays and 25 seconds later, Western's Dane Broadie attempted a 32-yard field goal from the Northwest 16-yard line.

But junior linebacker John Edmonds was determined not to let the game go into an extra session. Edmonds found a seam and

blocked Broadie's attempt, wiping away any hopes Western had.

"The gap opened and I just went for it," Edmonds said.

While the defense and special teams stepped up, the offense struggled, scrapping for whatever yards they could get.

The 'Cat offense had 288 yards of total offense, their lowest output this season since their 260-yard performance against the University of Nebraska-Omaha in September. "It was way too close," sophomore wide receiver Jamaica Rector said. "I thought we should have dominated them."

Very few times did the running game get across the line of scrimmage. Overall, the Bearcats rushed for 29 yards. Their leading rusher was senior quarterback John McMenamin, who rushed for 12 yards on the day.

The Western defense had seven tackles for losses on the day.

"They had our number this

time," freshman running back Mitch Herring said. "They played a real good game. We were down a couple times, pinned in our own territory and it's hard to run the ball when you're right there."

Herring said the offense was shooting themselves in the foot at times.

"They were playing tough and we were making mental errors," he said. "So it goes hand and hand both ways."

Although the Bearcats were able to clinch at least a tie of the MIAA title, their sixth in seven years, head coach Mel Tjeerdsma has his worries.

"We have to be able to run the football," he said. "We are not going to be able to go very far beyond the regular season if we can't run the football. That's the thing that is our biggest concern."

The Bearcats went into the game ranked last in the MIAA in rushing offense.

"We haven't run the football real well anyway but we have to run it a lot better than what we did today," he said.

The rushing game was the last thing on the team's mind at the start of the game.

The Griffons came out firing, scoring on their first drive of the game.

Cooper found running back Derrick Pitts on an eight-yard screen pass for the touchdown.

Northwest started with good field position after junior Gabriel Helms returned the ensuing kickoff 44 yards.

The Bearcats settled for a 39-yard Eddie Ibarra field goal after the drive stalled at the Western 22-yard line.

The offense stalled yet again on their next possession after driving 61 yards, despite converting two third downs on the drive.

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## Defense leads way to MIAA title

By COLEYOUNG  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The 7,000 fans at Spratt Stadium on the campus of Missouri Western State College can say they got their \$10 worth as the Bearcats faced off against the Western Griffons.

On the opening drive, the 6-4 Griffons showed signs of life as they marched 67 yards on nine plays on the MIAA's top defense.

The Bearcat defense would not allow another touchdown on the day, however.

"They came out ready to play and we didn't," defensive tackle Seth Giddings said. "We decided that we weren't going to lose."

Defensively, the 'Cats were plagued by the Western ground game as they rushed for 155 yards on 42 attempts.

When the Griffons went to the air the Bearcats had a distinct advantage. Aside from the last drive where Western passed for 65 yards, the Griffons were held to under 150 total passing yards.

"I thought they would pass more than they did," senior safety Ryan Miller said. "We felt confident that when they would run, that our front seven would get the job done."

With 1 minute, 38 seconds remaining in the game, fans on both sides of the ball began to question rather the Bearcats would move to

10-0 for the season. Down 10-13, the Griffons marched 64 yards and looked to be in position to tie the game with 6 seconds remaining. The Northwest defense wasn't done though.

After a Bearcat timeout, Western set up for the tie. As the ball was snapped, junior linebacker John Edmonds busted through the line and blocked the potential tying field goal securing both the victory and at least a tie for the MIAA title.

"I had told coach (Mel) Tjeerdsma all day that I could get through and block one," Edmonds said. "He told me that we would wait until the right time and this was obviously the right time."

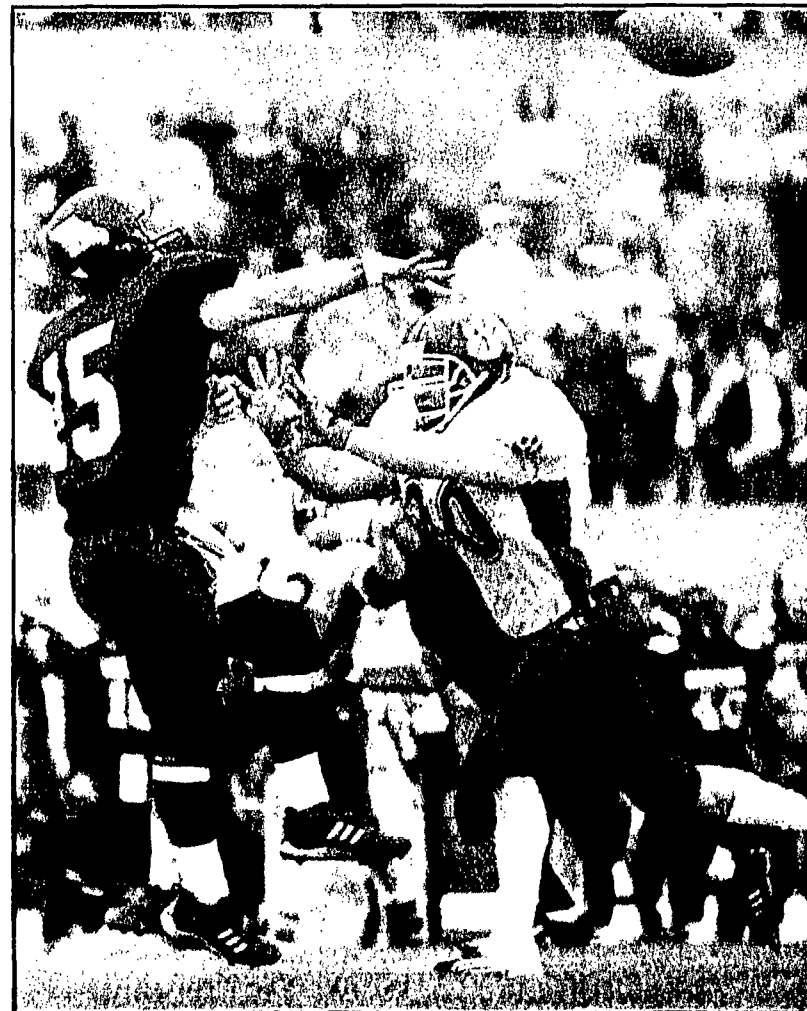
The win against Western was not the first time this season that the defense has had to firm up late in the game to secure a win.

In the previous two games against Truman State University and Central Missouri State University, the opponents' offense has had the ball and had the opportunity to win the game with a touchdown.

This was the same scenario last year, only the defense was unable to stop the late runs of the same teams.

"The difference between this year's football team and last year's team is that this team believes they are going to win," Tjeerdsma said.

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Linebacker Adam Crowe forces Western quarterback Michael Cooper to throw a second-quarter interception. Cooper threw two interceptions on the day.

## Bearcats look to end regular season perfect

By COLEYOUNG  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With a share of the MIAA title wrapped up, the Bearcats would seem to be in prime position for a letdown. The 'Cats don't see it this way though. As Northwest travels to Emporia State University for the season finale, there is still plenty to play for.

The 'Cats have the opportunity, with the win, to become the fifth Northwest football team to finish the regular season with an 11-0 record. Along with the undefeated conference record, Northwest has the opportunity to become the sole owner of the MIAA championship.

"This game is very important for us," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We want to be 11-0 and have the outright possession of the conference title. Our team goals are to be the conference champion, then to make the playoffs and finally to be playing in December. If we win our next three games, we can achieve all of those goals."

Emporia State at 8-2 does not appear to be a team that will roll over and allow the 'Cats to reach all of their team goals. The Hornets earlier in the year knocked off Pittsburg State University to give the Gorillas their first loss of the year. To date, Emporia State's only losses have come from Central Missouri State University and Washburn University.

One area that appears to be plaguing the Bearcats after their 13-10 win over Missouri Western State College is the team's running game. The 'Cats are averaging only 95.4 yards per game. Against Western, Northwest was able to only muster 29 total yards.

However, an overhaul of the running game is not on the horizon, Tjeerdsma said.

"We hope we play better this week as far as the running game goes," he said. "We've played 10 games so far this season and we have won all 10. I don't think you need to make a lot of changes at this point. We basically just had one bad half offensively. You also have to give Western some credit. They have a good defense and they did a great job at stopping our running game."

Another area that has some Northwest fans worried was the lack of intensity shown by the 'Cats on the game's opening drive against Western. The defense allowed Western to march down the field and take a 7-0 lead to start the game.

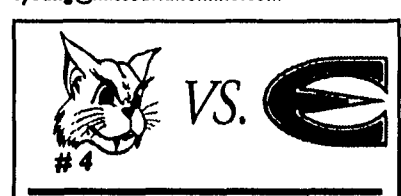
"They came out on a high horse and we weren't ready to match that," linebacker Andy Creger said. "This week we will match Emporia's intensity."

If Emporia State expects to stay in the game, it will take a strong showing from the defense. The Hornets are led by senior defensive back Dontaye McCoy. McCoy along with the rest of the Hornets are allowing 315 yards per game.

Emporia State will likely focus on the Northwest passing game as their key to winning. The 'Cats are averaging 286 passing yards a game. Senior quarterback John McMenamin, who leads the MIAA with 2,798 total passing yards, heads the passing game. McMenamin's top receiver, Jamaica Rector is just 141 yards shy of eclipsing the 1,000-yard mark for the season.

"Our passing game is our strongest aspect right now," junior center Geoff Bollinger said. "We have a good pass block and we aren't having a lot of problems. When we do start to have problems, it's because a team will be expecting a pass so they will blitz a linebacker and we will be trying to create a hole for a run, the linebacker fills the hole. Once we simplify and get back to the basics, we will be just fine."

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Game day: Saturday  
Kickoff: 2 p.m.  
Where: Welch Stadium (capacity: 7,000)  
Series: Northwest leads 14-2

Radio: KXCV (90.5 FM), KRNV (88.9 FM), KCXL (1140 AM), KNIM (1580 AM, 97.1 FM), KAN (99.5 FM)

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### GAME STATS

#### SCORE BY QUARTER

Bearcats 6 7 0 0  
Griffons 7 0 3 0

**First quarter**  
MWSC - Pitts 8 run (Broadie kick) 10:47  
NW - Ibarra 39 FG, 7:30  
NW - Ibarra 36 FG, :03  
**Second quarter**  
NW - J. Rector 30 pass from McMenamin (2:54)  
**Third quarter**  
MWSC - Broadie 24 FG, 8:10  
**Fourth quarter**  
No scoring

Total elapsed time - 3:00  
Attendance - 9,173

#### TEAM STATISTICS

NW		MWSC
13	First downs	14
17	Rush attempts	42
29	Net yards rushing	127
259	Net yards passing	192
47	Pass attempts	36
24	Pass completions	18
288	Total yards	319
97	Total return yards	51
6-38.8	Punts-avg.	8-35
2-2	Fumbles-lost	0-0
7-65	Penalties-yards	10-76
2-9	Sacks by-yards	0-0
27:48	Time of possession	32:12

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**Rushing-** NW, McMenamin 2-12, Scaggs 2-7, Herring 11-6, J. Rector 1-3, Team 1-1; MWSC, Pitts 23-83, Cooper 15-39, Theus 3-12, Ziesel 1- (minus) 7  
**Passing-** NW, McMenamin 24-47-0 259; MWSC, Cooper 18-35-2 192  
**Receiving-** NW, J. Rector 8-129, A. Rector 6-65, Herring 5-25, Findley 2-33, Shafar 1-3, Froehlich 1-2, A. Orte 1-2; De, Pitts 6-61, Ziesel 4-66, Da, Pitts 3-36, Antia 3-16, Theus 1-7, Shoonover 1-6

#### INJURY UPDATE

■ Linebacker Chad Bostwick is listed as questionable with a separated shoulder he suffered against Missouri Western.  
■ Junior quarterback T.J. Mandl is out for the season after tearing his right ACL before the season.  
■ Freshman offensive lineman Nick Tones is out for the season with a knee injury.  
■ Sophomore defensive lineman Jason Yeager is out for the season with knee injuries.

#### AACA Division II Top 25

School	Last week
1. Grand Valley State (9-0)	1
2. Valdosta State (10-0)	2
3. Carson-Newman (10-0)	3
4. Northwest (10-0)	4
5. Central Washington (11-0)	6
6. Indiana (Pa.) (10-1)	7
7. Northern Colorado (9-1)	8
8. Central Mo. State (9-1)	11
9. Tuskegee (9-1)	10
10. C.W. Post (10-0)	12
11. Minnesota-Duluth (10-0)	14
12. Neb.-Kearney (10-1)	13
13. Pittsburg State (8-2)	15
14. UC Davis (7-2)	5
15. Saginaw Valley State (8-2)	16
16. Fayetteville State (N.C.) (9-1)	18
17. Tarleton State (7-2)	17
18. Catawba (7-2)	9
19. Findlay (9-1)	20
20. Texas A&M-Kingsville (7-2)	19
21. St. Cloud State (9-1)	25
22. Chadron State (8-2)	22
23. Emporia State University (8-2)	23
24. Bentley (9-1)	21
25. Eastern New Mexico (8-2)	NR

Dropped out: Southern Arkansas

#### Midwest regional rankings

1. Northwest (10-0)
2. Northern Colorado (9-1)
3. Central Mo. State (9-1)
4. Minnesota-Duluth (10-0)
5. St. Cloud State (8-2)

\* Top four teams qualify for playoffs

#### MIAA standings

School	MIAA	Overall
Northwest	8-0	10-0
Central Mo. State	7-1	9-1
Emporia State	6-2	8-2
Pittsburg State	6-2	8-2
Missouri Western	4-4	6-4
Truman State	3-5	5-5
Washburn	3-5	3-7
Missouri Southern	2-6	4-6
Southwest Baptist	1-7	2-7
Missouri-Rolla	0-8	0-10

#### Saturday's results

Northwest 13, Missouri Western 10  
Emporia State 47, Missouri Southern 16  
CMSU 17, Truman State 3  
Pittsburg State 48, Southwest Baptist 13  
Washburn 49, Missouri-Rolla 0

#### Saturday's games

Missouri Southern at Missouri-Rolla, 1 p.m.  
Missouri Western at Truman State, 1 p.m.  
Central Mo. State at Pittsburg State, 1 p.m.  
Northwest at Emporia State, 2 p.m.  
Washburn at Southwest Baptist, 2 p.m.

#### MIAA players of the week

**Offense:** Sophomore quarterback Neal Philpot (Pittsburg State)  
He rushed for 167 yards on 24 carries with two touchdowns.

**Defense:** Junior linebacker John Edmonds (Northwest)  
He blocked a potentially-tying field goal against Missouri Western as well as leading the team in tackles with eight.







## Men's basketball preview

## Bearcats eager to start season

Despite lack of depth in front court Bearcats focus on second straight MIAA title, trip back to Elite Eight

By CLARK GRELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest men's basketball team has only one thing on their minds going into the 2002-2003 season — the national championship.

"Making it back to the Elite Eight is not enough this year," senior center Joel Yeldell said. "We saw it (the Elite Eight) as a chance to get better and this year we can pick up on that."

After a 29-3 season and a trip to the Elite Eight, the Bearcats will look to make a second trip back to the quarterfinals this year in Tampa, Fla.

However, the 'Cats may be travelling a tougher road back to the Elite Eight.

The team lost forward/center Matt Rowan, center Chris Borchers and forward Jerry Hudson to graduation.

The team took another blow this year when senior Keanan Weir tore his ACL.

"He's an awfully good player and a guy who is really a big part of our team," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "We feel really bad for him, but it left a pretty

big hole for our team also."

Junior college transfer Byron Jackson's season is on hold because of academic reasons and another transfer, Derrick Worrell, is no longer with the team.

Yet, the Bearcats are picked by MIAA coaches to win the conference this season, a ranking that Tappmeyer is not concerned with.

"I don't think that is even a factor now," he said. "Now we look at ourselves in an underdog role. We got to be able to over achieve to be able to compete in the top portion of the conference."

With the departures up front, a lot of responsibility is now on Yeldell, who saw action in all 32 games last season.

The Olathe, Kan. native does not see that as a problem.

"It's good pressure," Yeldell said.

Senior forward Floyd Jones will also be counted on to help carry the load for the front court.

"We've all been here before," Jones said. "We've dealt with adversity before and that's what we're doing now."

The lack of depth up front will also put more focus on the back court, but Tappmeyer is fine with that.

"That's (the front court) probably our biggest concern," he said. "We think we can do some things with our guards. We got some guys on the front line that are good players but we don't have that presence like Rowan. You try to find ways to play without it."

Senior guards Scott Fleming and Jelani Walker and junior guard Kelvin Parker will lead one of the best back courts in the conference.

The three combined for 34.1 points per game last season, 43 percent of the team's point total.

Fleming was named a preseason All-American by *Division II Bulletin* this year. He averaged more than 15 points and four assists last season en route to the first team all-MIAA squad.

Tappmeyer pointed out two newcomers as players that could make a quick impact this season.

"Austin Meyer is a freshman that we

think will be in the thick of things," he said. "He's a very good freshman that's really going to help the team. He's going to enjoy a good four-year career."

Meyer is a 6-foot-6 freshman out of Blue Springs who might be just what the team needs to fill the holes up front.

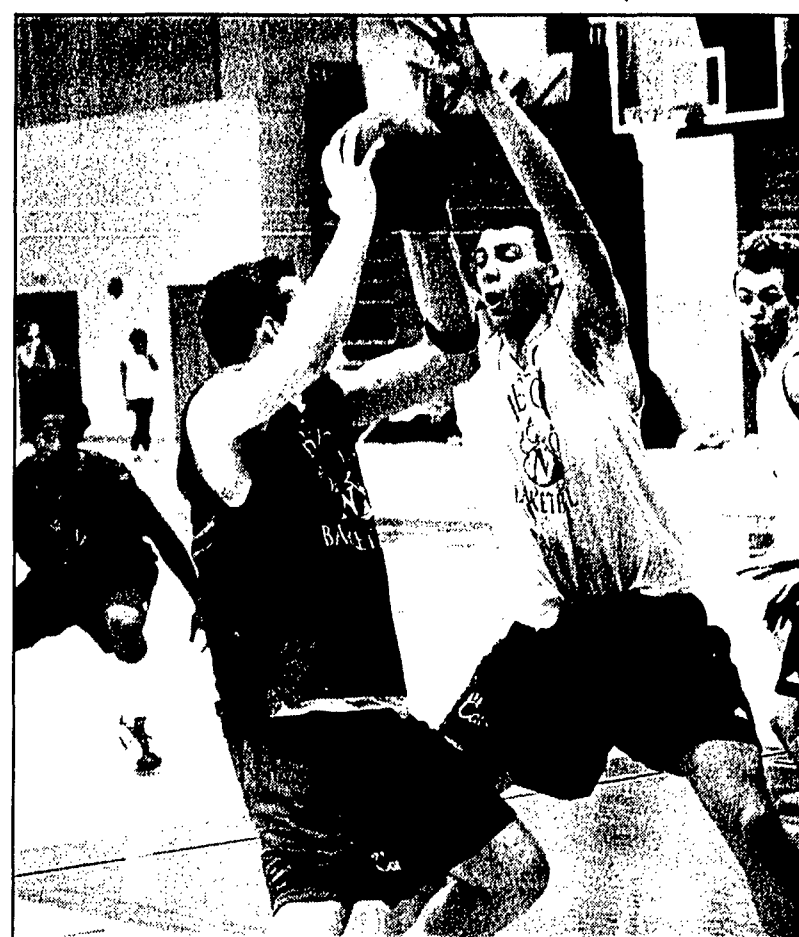
Another newcomer is junior college transfer Javon Perkins.

The team starts the season at home in the Ryland Milner Classic.

The Bearcats will take part in two other tournaments, in Duluth, Minn. and Las Vegas before getting into conference play.

Last week, the 'Cats scrimmaged against the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Tappmeyer was happy with the way his team played against a solid UNO team, but said improvements are needed.

"(We've) got to be able to maintain concentration," he said. "We'll do things well for a while and then it seems we got one or two people that break down and not be at the right spot. I think we just really need to clean those things up."



Senior center Joel Yeldell looks to pass the ball over sophomore center Brandon Rold during practice Wednesday. Yeldell will likely be a starter this season.

## IMPACT PLAYERS

## 11 – Scott Fleming, guard



**Year:** Senior  
**Height:** 6'3" **Weight:** 170  
**Hometown:** Liberty  
**Last season:** 15.3 ppg, 2.4 spg  
**Bottom Line:** Fleming is a threat for the Bearcats on both sides of the court. He led the team in scoring and steals last season. This season, he was named Preseason Honorable Mention All-America by *Street and Smith's* magazine.

## 5 – Kelvin Parker, guard



**Year:** Junior  
**Height:** 5'11" **Weight:** 167  
**Hometown:** Raytown  
**Last season:** 12.8 ppg, 87.9 FT pct.  
**Bottom Line:** Close games call for Parker. He drained 109 of 124 free throws last season as a sophomore. In the postseason, Parker led the team in scoring three times, including a 25-point performance against Rockhurst in the regional finals.

## 20 – Jelani Walker, guard



**Year:** Senior  
**Height:** 6'4" **Weight:** 193  
**Hometown:** St. Louis  
**Last season:** 7.1 ppg, 36.3 pct fg  
**Bottom Line:** Walker was one of the team leaders in field goal percentage last season (.460). His .439 three-point percentage gives the Bearcats another presence behind the arch. Just like Parker, Walker made his presence known in the postseason last year.

## 50 – Joel Yeldell, center



**Year:** Senior  
**Height:** 6'7" **Weight:** 245  
**Hometown:** Olathe, Kan.  
**Last season:** 5.9 ppg, 2.6 rpg  
**Bottom Line:** Yeldell will be counted on this season to make an impact in the paint. Despite his presence inside, Yeldell is also a threat from three-point land. He led the team in three-point percentage last year (.491).

## Profile: Scott Fleming

## Senior guard ready for final season

By BILL KNUST  
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

One would think Northwest guard Scott Fleming replays his missed free throw in last year's Elite Eight over and over.

Think again.

The senior from Liberty said he thought about it for a little bit, but now it is the last thing on his mind.

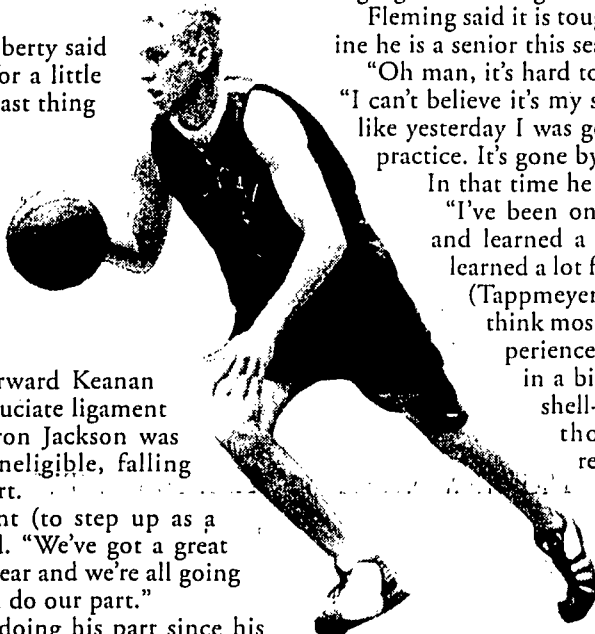
Fleming is trying to lead a team hampered by injuries and misfortune back to an MIAA title and another possible berth in the Elite Eight.

Northwest lost forward Keanan Weir to an anterior cruciate ligament tear and forward Byron Jackson was ruled academically ineligible, falling three credit hours short.

"It's very important (to step up as a leader)," Fleming said. "We've got a great group of seniors this year and we're all going to have to step up and do our part."

Fleming has been doing his part since his freshman season. He played in all 30 games as a freshman and averaged 9.4 points per game. As a sophomore he earned second team All-MIAA honors and was named to the first team last season.

This season Fleming has been touted as one of the top players in the conference and he earned preseason All-American honors from *D-II Bulletin*, a magazine that specializes in Division II athletics.



Scott Fleming

To say he is not feeling pressure would be a lie.

"We lost three very good seniors last year and it is kind of on our shoulders to keep things going right," Fleming said.

Fleming said it is tough for him to even imagine he is a senior this season.

"Oh man, it's hard to explain," Fleming said. "I can't believe it's my senior year. It seems just like yesterday I was getting ready for my first practice. It's gone by extremely fast."

In that time he has learned a lot.

"I've been on three very good teams and learned a lot," he said. "I've also learned a lot from Coach (Steve) Tapp (Tappmeyer) and his style of play. I think mostly I've gained a lot of experience. As a freshman playing in a big game, you are kind of shell-shocked. Year after year though, you are more ready."

Picked as the preseason favorite in the MIAA, Fleming said Tappmeyer and the team prefer a different role.

"He (Tappmeyer) likes the underdog role, and we do to," Fleming said. "But we still have a pretty good bullseye on our backs. Teams are going to be ready to play us. I don't know how many teams we are going to sneak up on. We will be ready for whatever role we are given."

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## ROLE PLAYERS

## 30 – Floyd Jones, forward



**Year:** Senior  
**Height:** 6'3" **Weight:** 207  
**Hometown:** Kansas City, Mo.  
**Last season:** 4.2 ppg, 2.7 rpg  
**Bottom Line:** Jones led the team in field goal percentage last season (.564). Jones played 14 minutes a game last year, but because of the lack of size in the front court, Jones should see valuable playing time for the Bearcats this year.

## 3 – Ben McCollum, guard



**Year:** Senior  
**Height:** 5'11" **Weight:** 174  
**Hometown:** Storm Lake, Iowa  
**Last season:** 12.8 ppg, 87.9 FT pct.  
**Bottom Line:** McCollum will more than likely come off the bench. He averaged nearly 10 minutes a game last season. He had a career high of 16 points last year against Seattle University. He was a 73.1 percent free throw shooter.

## 10 – Jesse Shaw, guard



**Year:** Sophomore  
**Height:** 6'5" **Weight:** 201  
**Hometown:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**Last season:** 2.7 ppg, 66.7 FT pct.  
**Bottom Line:** Shaw played 12.1 minutes a game last season as a backup. Shaw proved he can provide his assistance on both sides of the court. He had 38 rebounds last year, 35 of them defensively. He dished out 30 assists as well.

## 34 – Austin Meyer, forward



**Year:** Freshman  
**Height:** 6'6" **Weight:** 185  
**Hometown:** Blue Springs  
**Last season:** This is his first season.  
**Bottom Line:** With injuries to the front line, Meyer could see a large amount of playing time. Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said the freshman is capable of making an impact right away. Meyer was a McDonald's All-America nominee.

## 2002-03 SCHEDULE

11/22 Fla. Tech (Milner Classic)	8 p.m.	1/22 Central Mo. State	7:30 p.m.
11/23 S. Dakota St. (Milner)	8 p.m.	1/25 Missouri-Rolla	3:30 p.m.
11/29 Concordia (Duluth Tour)	TBA	1/29 Emporia State	7:30 p.m.
11/30 Minn.-Duluth (Duluth Tour)	TBA	2/1 Pittsburg State	7:30 p.m.
12/4 Peru State	7 p.m.	2/5 Truman State	7:30 p.m.
12/5 Calvary Bible (Mo.)	7 p.m.	2/8 Missouri Southern	3:30 p.m.
12/7 York (Neb.)	7:30 p.m.	2/12 Washburn	3:30 p.m.
12/14 Rollins (Fla.) (Desert Classic)	6 p.m.	2/15 Southwest Baptist	3:30 p.m.
12/15 Drury (Desert Classic)	6 p.m.	2/19 Central Mo. State	7:30 p.m.
12/28 Dream Builders	7 p.m.	2/22 Missouri-Rolla	3:30 p.m.
12/30 Missouri Western	7:30 p.m.	2/26 Emporia State	7:30 p.m.
1/4 Pittsburg State	7:30 p.m.	3/1 Missouri Western	7:30 p.m.
1/8 Truman State	7:30 p.m.		
1/11 Missouri Southern	3 p.m.		
1/15 Washburn	7:30 p.m.		
1/18 Southwest Baptist	3:30 p.m.		

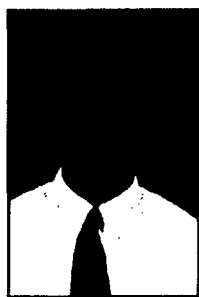
Home games in bold

## Quick Hits

Head Coach: Steve Tappmeyer  
Last year's record: 29-3

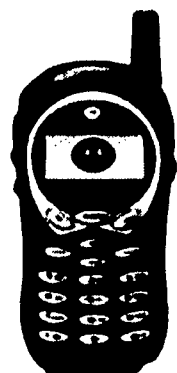
Preseason MIAA coaches predictions  
1. Northwest  
2. Washburn  
3. Missouri Western  
4. Pittsburg State  
5. Missouri Southern  
6. Emporia State  
7. Southwest Baptist  
8. Missouri-Rolla  
9. Central Missouri  
10. Truman State

## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Jamaica Rector

The sophomore wide receiver caught eight passes for 129 yards against Missouri Western. He had the Bearcats' lone touchdown in the game in the second quarter.



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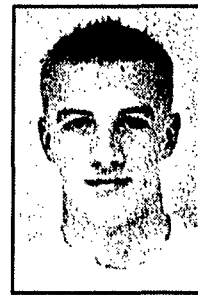
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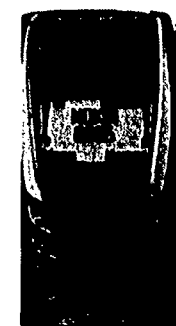
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In his only game at quarterback this year, Garrett passed for 62 yards and ran for another 44. His 5-yard touchdown run in the third quarter pulled the Hounds to within four, before falling 21-10.



Derek Garrett



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# Stroller hates online classes

Since a new semester is just around the corner, many students have registered for classes. But some might not know that if you enrolled in an online class, you'll be paying a whole lot more for a whole lot less.

For as much money as the University charges for online classes, you'd think the education would rival any Ivy League school. In-state undergraduates, like myself, pay \$96.75 per credit hour for a traditional class. For the same student, an online class would cost \$224.75. Do a little math and you're paying about 132 percent more per credit hour for a class with no lecture, no face to face contact, no group work and concepts that you have to teach yourself. I could become a para-legal in the comfort of my own home with a little help from Sally Struthers and \$50 plus \$5 shipping and handling.

So what do you get for your overpriced "virtual" class? Mind boggling PowerPoint presentations, frivolous message board questions, occasional postings, home-made class materials and the realization that you're paying hundreds of dollars to teach yourself... definitely "a higher form of higher education."

No amount of message boards or e-mails can take the place of having an ex-



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periented professor actually teaching a student, in person, in the classroom. Some extremely technical classes often contain complex concepts.

If a student needs help on a project or homework assignment, they can post a message or send an e-mail and wait for a day to get a response that can't even adequately answer their question. There is never that instantaneous interaction between classmates and teacher that is vital for learning.

People wonder why they learn more in a discussion-based class as they do in a lecture-based class. The exchange of ideas and concepts helps to retain information. Students get none of this in an online class.

Your Man has come up with only a

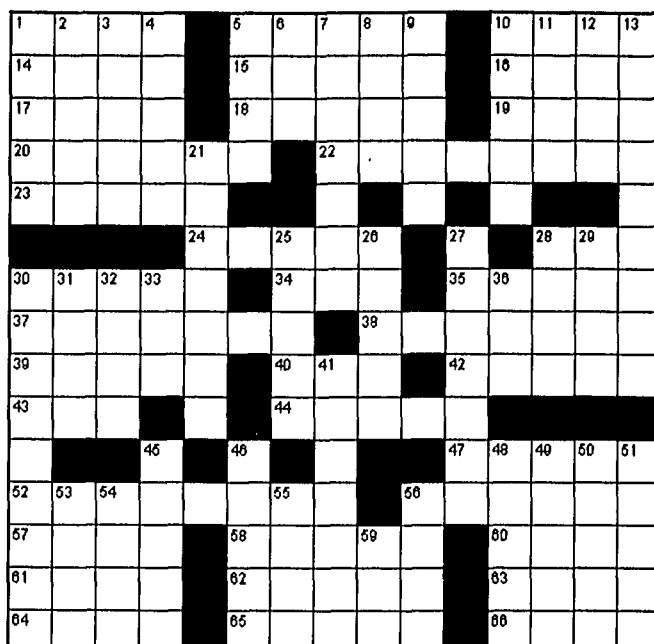
few things that could be done to improve the quality of education online. First, cut out the useless busy work with students having to answer questions on a message board and instead, meet once a week for a study/instruction session with a professor. A simple review of major concepts, an opportunity to ask questions and meet classmates would go a long way in improving the shortcomings of the Internet-based classroom. Secondly, provide a "real" textbook with every course. Some science courses use large, indexless manuals written solely by a professor. These writings never go through the process of being published and are only given to students who take the classes online.

The fact that students pay more for less of a class is enough to get anyone upset, but to actually be getting less of an education is outrageous.

The University is going to have to re-evaluate and revamp their online programs and evaluate just how much these programs cost. Until then, I'll save my money and get Sally Struthers on the phone. Where's that damn number?

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian. The Stroller can be contacted at stroller@missourianonline.com

## Weekly Crossword



**Across**  
1. Money for the needy  
5. Woman about to wed  
10. Ecclesiastic  
14. Ruminant  
15. Mature  
16. Chapter head  
17. Keen on  
18. Factor  
19. Right-angled extensions  
20. Adjacent  
22. Slavic (of writing)  
23. Filth  
24. Synchronization  
28. Soldiers  
30. Bunch

34. Cable channel  
35. Father of Jacob  
37. Fish extract (4,3)  
38. Earmark  
39. Walk stealthily  
40. Hat  
42. Performed  
43. Share of the profits  
44. Craftily  
47. Accumulate  
52. Pronounce as a nasal sound  
56. Hooded pullover jacket  
57. Pinches  
58. Israeli dry region  
60. Beautiful and

graceful girl  
61. Cut  
62. Serious  
63. Engraved  
64. Soups  
65. Sun-like  
66. Undo cancellation  
  
Down  
1. Getting on  
2. Person who avoids the company of others  
3. New Zealand conifer  
4. Attack a stronghold  
5. Hee-haw  
6. Truck

7. Emetics  
8. Refuse  
9. Way in  
10. Female name  
11. Telephone inventor  
12. Island east of Java  
13. Settled  
21. Reserved (Archaic)  
25. Cancels  
26. Tough  
27. Philippine native  
28. Market  
29. Roof edge  
30. Medical inspection device  
31. Remarkable thing  
32. Group of persons regarded as an entity  
33. Valet  
36. Moderately dry  
41. Against the rules  
45. Spars  
46. High-pitched metallic sounds  
48. Blues  
49. Are not  
50. Sergeant  
51. Circumvent  
53. Assistant  
54. Saliva  
55. Nothing  
56. Assert  
59. Excursion from a vehicle

Answers can be found on this page

## on the edge

### Turkey facts:

■ A newborn turkey chick has to be taught to eat, or it will starve. Breeders spread feed underfoot, hoping the little ones will peck at it and get the idea.

■ Turkeys tend to look up with their mouths open during rainstorms. As a result, many drown.

■ According to the National Wild Turkey Federation, the number of wild turkeys in the United States has increased from an all-time low of 30,000 to more than 4 million today. One state park in Iowa now boasts more than 100 turkeys per square mile.

■ Domesticated turkeys (farm-raised) cannot fly. Wild turkeys can fly for short distances at up to 55 mph. Wild turkeys are also fast on the ground, running at speeds of up to 30 mph.

■ More turkeys are raised in California than in any other state in the United States.

■ Only tom turkeys gobble. Hen turkeys make a clicking noise.

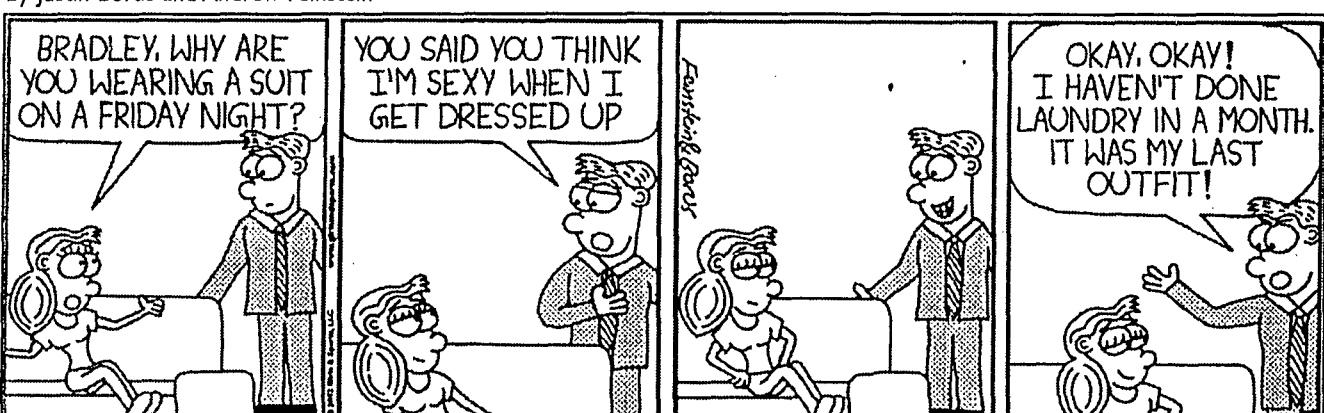
■ In Victorian England, turkeys were popular for Christmas dinners. Some of the birds were raised in Norfolk. To get them to London, the turkeys were supplied with boots made of sacking or leather. The turkeys were walked to market. The boots protected their feet from the frozen mud of the road.

■ For commercial use, the skins of turkeys are tanned and used to make items like cowboy boots, belts and other accessories.

Source: uselesknowledge.com

## Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



## Entertainment Review

# Peter Gabriel's latest receives average rating

By PHIL KOEHLER

BUZZ MUSIC REVIEWER

Overall rating: C+  
It has been almost an entire decade since Peter Gabriel last released a solo studio album, but sadly, 10 years of work is not evident on his latest effort.

The new album, *Up*, is Gabriel's first solo studio album effort since 1992's *Us*. Gabriel has done work on numerous soundtracks in those 10 years, but not enough work was put into his own music.

The first single "The Barry Williams Show" is slightly catchy and well done, but the subject matter of trashy talk show hosts has almost passed us by. Having Sean Penn direct the music video does not lend any sort of help to Gabriel either.

This album is supposed to be a jour-

ney through life, from beginning of light to the darkness of death. An interesting idea for an album, but it just was not executed well.

Poor production exists throughout the CD, most noticeably on tracks "Darkness," "Signal to Noise" and "The Drop." Too often, Gabriel, in his Real World studios, tries to add too much to his songs.

Songs such as the uplifting "Growing Up," "No Way Out" and "More Than This" are stand-out tracks on the album, but nothing along the classics that Gabriel has churned out in the past such as "In Your Eyes," "Solsbury Hill" or "Steam."

There are two main complaints I find with this album. After 10 years since his last album, there are only 10 tracks here.

Simply unforgivable in this day and age.

Secondly, I would have left off some of the dismal tracks and added recent work he has done with other artists: the wonderful "When You're Falling" that he did with Afro-Celt Sound System, the fast-paced track of "While the Earth Sleeps" done with Deep Forest and the updated version of "Games Without Frontiers" done with U.K. group Massive Attack. Plus, the inclusion of "I Grieve" back from the "City of Angels" soundtrack is absurd.

While a fan of Gabriel's early work, his latest effort simply does not hold up to some of his past great albums. Do yourself a favor and just download a few of the songs and the other songs suggested and have a great new Up album.

## Area Events

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Nov. 15 Karla Michaels Miss Kittit's

### Des Moines

Nov. 14 Sweet Potato Project People's

### Omaha

Nov. 16 Aina Sokol Underground

Nov. 18 Ten Foot Pole Farnam Street

Nov. 16 Kirk Whalum Ameristar Hotel & Casino

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Nov. 18 Reunion Show Ranch Bowl

Nov. 20 Trial By Fire Farnam Street

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